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# Falling tree kills woman

*Mary Kumpula was on her way back to Drag Lake cottage*

**MARTHA PERKINS**
*Editor*

A Drag Lake cottager was killed in a freak accident during Tuesday's sudden rain storm when a tree branch crashed into her car.

Mary Kumpula was driving a friend back to the Kumpulas' cottage near Indian Point when the area was hit by a storm with high winds and heavy rain at approximately 3 p.m..

As she was driving down Dardanelles Road a tree on the south side of the roadway broke off and crashed onto the roof of her 1986 Buick. The roof of the car was crushed, with the driver's side sustaining the worst damage.

Neighbours rushed to the scene and began removing the tree branches. They were performing CPR when paramedics and several Dysart firefighters arrived on the scene.

She was taken to Haliburton Hospital where she was pronounced dead. She was 63.

The female passenger sustained only minor injuries.

Kumpula and her husband John were long-time cottagers on the lake. She was a retired teacher from Markham and spent her summers at the cottage, dedicating part of her time to taking courses at the School of Fine Arts.

She leaves behind her husband John and two children, Catherine, who was working at Wigamog Inn for the summer, and Mike.

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**Dusk dancers**
Sara Lacy, Jocelyn Regina and Jordyn Archer frustrate Benton Brown by mimicking his every move in a pantomime during Dusk Dances at Head Lake Park this past weekend. Benton's character had come to the park bench to relax, read the paper and listen to music by accordionist Ryan VanLieshout. Slapstick comedic trouble ensues when other characters steal his hat and play tricks. Daniela Pagliaro choreographed the piece. More photos from the event on pages 20 and 21.

# Southwestern U.S. is to blame for recent storms

**BRYN WEESE**
*Staff Reporter*

In recent weeks, the county has been under siege by wet and violently windy storms that have downed trees, cut power, flooded rivers and even caused a fatality. The hurricane-like weather, says the county's amateur meteorologist Phil Graham, is coming up from the southwestern United States.

"The recent weather looks tropical," Graham says. "We should get our weather from the west, but what's coming up now is from the states and that's bringing up the [unusual] storms and the rain and the heat."

But despite a bombardment of weather from the southwestern United States, this July has been noticeably cooler than last year, with only seven days above 30 degrees Celsius and no nights warmer than 20 degrees Celsius. However, there has been a lot more rain.

Specifically, notes Graham, who's been monitoring the weather and "every drop" of rain for 55 years, this July has experienced nine days on which there were thunderstorms. Last year, there were only six such days.

Also, though Graham has yet to tally his final figures, he knows for certain that there was substantially more rain this July than the same month last year, when only 26.4 mm (1.1 inches) fell during the month.

On July 26 of this year alone, 43 mm (nearly two inches) fell during an afternoon shower and thunderstorm that lasted through the night.

"Rains like that are unusual," says Graham, "but I have seen them before."

In fact, Graham thought so much of the heavy rains of July 26, 2006 that he reported his findings to Environment Canada.

Considering the storms and rain, Graham says that this July will more closely resemble 2004 when 176 mm fell, but, when the final numbers are tallied later this week, Graham says it could be even more than that.

Later this week, the forecasts are calling for cooler weather and even more rain and thunderstorms on Wednesday and Thursday with highs of 25 and 23 degrees Celsius respectively. The weekend looks dry, but cool with temperatures in the low 20s for Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

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# All beaches in county are safe and open

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The health unit tests the beaches for bacteria levels once a week and last week's test results were fine – just in time for the long weekend.

Hot weather had previously seen the closure of the Head Lake beach and Drag River in Haliburton village.

# Delta Pinestone's manager moving on

After six years at the helm of Delta Pinestone Resort, Scott de Savoye will be leading the operations at another Delta hotel, the Delta Grandview in Huntsville.

"This is an exciting career opportunity for me and a new journey to embrace with my wife Dianne and young sons," he says in a letter to Haliburton Tourism, a coalition of resort operators that he had helped form.

Savoye has a long history with Delta and had helped oversee the former PineStone Inn's transformation into a Delta hotel. During his tenure, Delta Pinestone was rated as the best Delta resort in 2004.

He's taking over the general manager's job at Delta Grandview, a large resort owned by ClubLink Corporation on Fairy Lake.

In saying his goodbyes to Haliburton Tourism, he encourages them to keep up the good fight in attracting more "heads in beds" in the Highlands.

"My greatest desire is to witness and hear about the progress Haliburton is making toward securing its fair share (or greater) of the domestic tourism pie," he writes. "Anything less just isn't good enough so I encourage each of you to keep the focus, never give up and always remember, 'actions speak louder than words.'

"I believe that without a vibrant and sustainable tourism industry, the single greatest source of employment may very well wither away, leading to the abandonment from the area of bright young local talent.

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# Absence of fire truck angers Cardiff residents

**GREG HOEKSTRA**
*Staff Reporter*

Several residents from the Cardiff area were less than pleased on Wednesday when the region's new fire truck was driven to the village of Haliburton to be showcased at the county's annual Emergency Services Day.

Although Highlands East did have a number of additional fire trucks which remained on call, residents raised their concerns over the absence of the newly acquired pumper and questioned the rationale behind the annual event.

"We had a severe thunderstorm watch in the area, and knowing what the weather's been like, what happens if we get a lightning strike," said Betty Barry. "We were left sitting with, in my opinion, a bunch of little boys, playing with their toys, too far away to be effective."

Barry says she understands in part why the fire department would want to show off their new equipment, but at the same time she wonders why it was necessary to drive the truck nearly 45 minutes away, rather than hosting an open house at the local fire hall.

"Why didn't they bring the people to the trucks, instead of the trucks to the people?" she said.

These sentiments were echoed by John Carter, a former fire fighter who worked for 30 years in Bowmanville before retiring to the Cardiff area.

"It was a total disregard for people and property as far as I'm concerned," Carter said, adding that the Bowmanville region stopped hosting such events nearly 40 years ago, after visiting regions were "caught with their pants down" on different occasions.

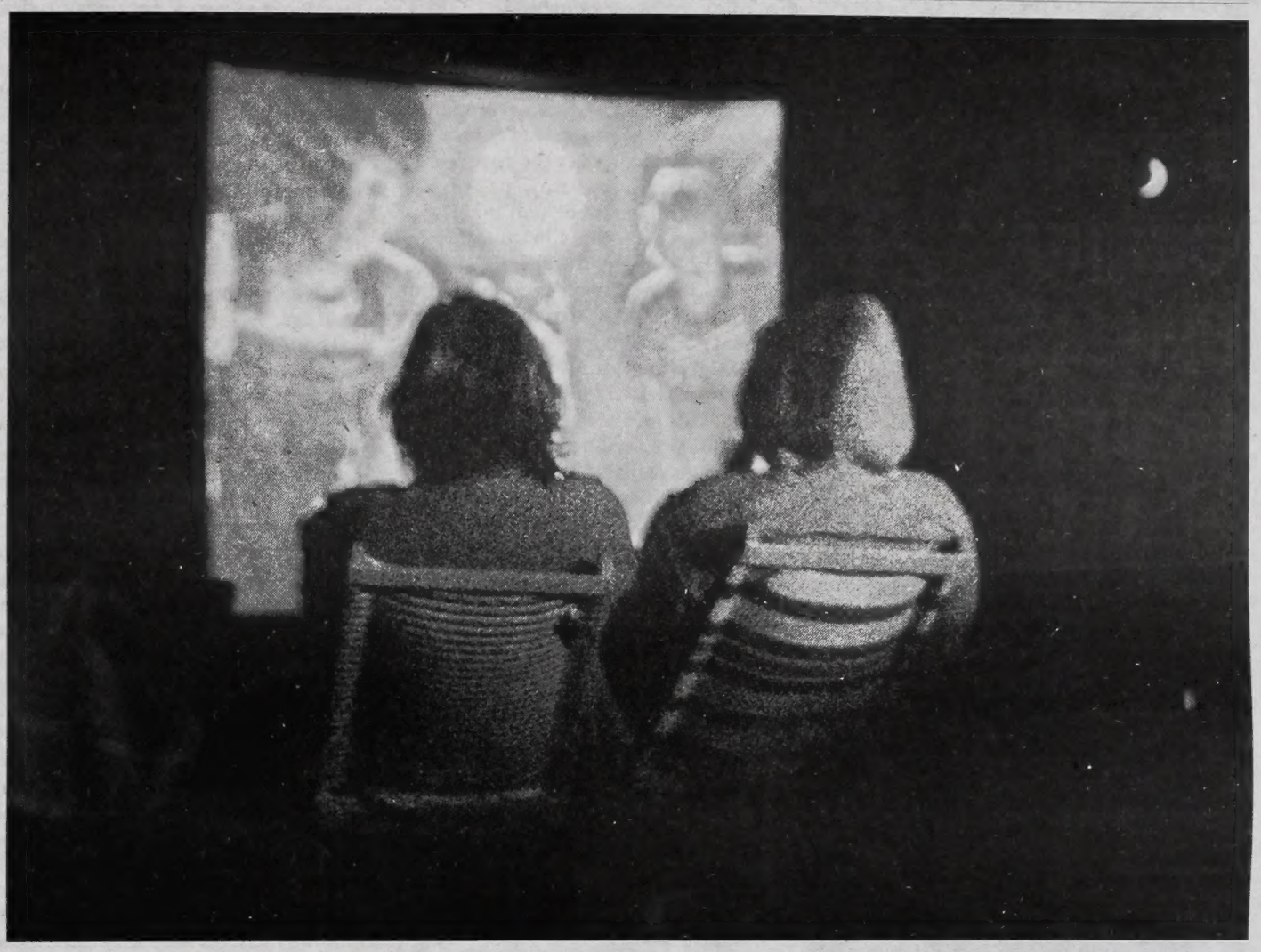
Keith Tallman, reeve for Highlands East, said the complaints from Cardiff residents came as quite a surprise to him, considering that truck is not the only one available for service in the area.

"We don't rely on one truck for service," he said. "We have more fire trucks in Highlands East than anywhere in the county."

The municipality has four fully-serviced fire trucks, including a second truck stationed in Cardiff. For that reason alone, both Tallman and Fire Chief Don Middleton agreed that visiting Haliburton for an educational morning shouldn't be perceived as a high-risk action.

"We make arrangements for other areas to cover one unit," said Middleton. "It wasn't the entire fire department that was there; it was two members and the one truck."

Tallman said that although a few residents may not recognize the importance of Haliburton's Emergency Services Day, the municipality as a whole will not halt participation in the event, which he feels they adequately prepare for each year.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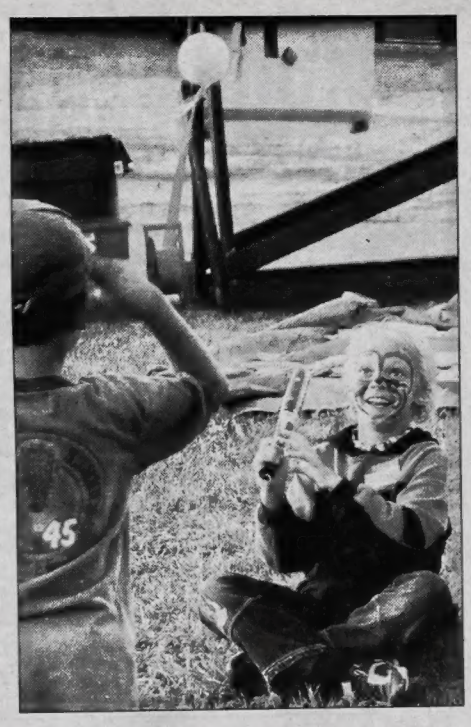
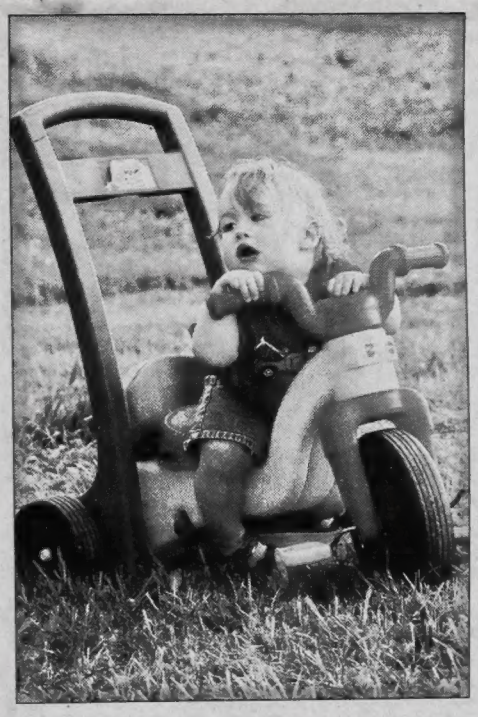
## Stars under the stars (and crescent moon)

When night fell over Sir Sam's Ski Hill on Friday night the magic began. Cottage Dreams arranged a special outdoors screening of the classic movie *E.T.* as a fundraiser. It was the first "drive-in" movie (without the car) for most of the young audience members. Before darkness fell, children delighted in the games area while youth and adults pretended they were stars on the karaoke machine.


Lukas Vande Pol plays a little baseball before the movie starts.


Luca Nahatchewitz got tired out by all the things the children could do.

Parker Casey shows off the new teddy bear he was given.

# Local dead crow had West Nile virus

Lab results show that a dead crow found in Haliburton County is presumed positive for West Nile Virus.

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit reports that the bird was picked up earlier last week. As a result of the finding, public health officials are stepping up their monitoring efforts in the area.

This is the fourth crow to test positive for West Nile in the Health Unit's area that includes Northumberland County, Haliburton County and the City of Kawartha Lakes. The three previous crows were all found in the City of Kawartha Lakes.

"Finding crows with West Nile virus at this time of year isn't unusual," says Anne Alexander, director of environmental health.

"However it is a reminder that we need to take extra precautions against West Nile virus, especially as we head into August and September in what are typically the peak times for the virus."

The Health Unit again reminds local residents to 'fight the bite' of mosquitoes which spread West Nile Virus.

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- Clean up around home or cottage properties to reduce standing water where mosquitoes can breed.

Out Fit:

- Wear light-coloured, long-sleeved shirts and long pants.
- Use federally-approved mosquito repellent, such as those containing DEET.

More information about preventing West Nile Virus is available by calling your local Health Unit office or visiting www.hkpr.on.ca.

# Healthcare projects are almost paid for

*Seemingly overnight, HHHS Foundation is only $200,000 from its $6 million goal*

**MARTHA PERKINS**
*Editor*

There were times over the past few years when it felt like barely a dent was being made in the debt this county still owed on the new healthcare facilities in Minden and Haliburton and yet, seemingly overnight, the goal is now down to a scant $200,000.

What miracle occurred?

This spring did happen to have a confluence of happy events for the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation. County council – frustrated by the length of time it was taking to wrap up the capital campaign – agreed to give the Foundation a grant of $300,000 rather than continue to pay interest on the outstanding loan.

Then the Foundation received a large bequest from a local man's estate. This was followed by the more-successful-than-anticipated auction of three Ethel Curry paintings and the usual success of the annual golf tournament.

When you add this to the generosity with which people responded to last fall's gala, the Christmas campaign and the first-time request that accompanied tax bills, the Foundation was able to pay off about $1 million over the past year.

The Foundation is now cautiously optimistic that the debt will be cleared from the books by this Christmas, or the end of next March at the latest.

Yet despite how well the Foundation has done in the past year, the real reason for good fortune is the same today as it was when the $6 million capital campaign got underway in 1998 – this county's residents and cottagers deeply value our healthcare facilities and are willing to open their wallets to prove it.

"You almost have to be against motherhood to think it wouldn't happen," says Don Popple who, along with Ray Selbie, has been a member of the Foundation's board since its inception.

When the provincial and federal governments agreed to pony up 70 per cent of the capital costs of the two expansion projects, HHHS decided that rather than raise its share of the $20 million, it would borrow the money so construction could start right away. A previous fundraising campaign for a long-term care unit at the Haliburton hospital had ended with anger and frustration when the province cancelled the project. The organization knew that people would be skeptical until they actually saw the walls of the new facilities go up.

The only drawback to this approach, Popple says, is that once the buildings were fully operational people tended to believe that the projects had already been paid for.

There was approximately $670,000 sitting in the bank from the thwarted campaign in the 1980s but, as Popple notes, most foundations begin with a lot more than that.

At the time, and still true today, the $6 million that this community had to raise was the biggest campaign anyone had dared to undertake. However, the Foundation always knew that having proper healthcare facilities in Haliburton County was near and dear to people's hearts and the volunteers' faith never wavered. Residents and cottagers alike had a project they believed in.

Local accountant Hugh Nichol, who was also the chairman of the HHHS, knew that on top of all the ways people would donate to various fundraising events there would also be people who would name the organization as a benefactor in their wills and life insurance policies. He set up the Special Gifts program which has indeed become an essential component of the fundraising campaign. More bequests are expected this year.

The federal government also recently gave charities a boost by changing tax laws to benefit donors, says Peter Oyler, the Foundation's present-day chairman.

As well, "what's added impetus is the growth in our population, the increased number of visits to emergency at both sites and the continued satisfaction of people who visit our facilities," Oyler says.

A few weeks ago, the Ontario Hospital Association released a study which gave HHHS top marks in patient satisfaction among hospitals in the province.

Dale Walker, who was involved with the campaign from day one, first as chairperson of the Foundation and then as its executive director, says that with such a lengthy endeavour "you've got to keep it front and centre so people never forget about you."

While never discouraged, last fall it did seem as if it was taking a long time to get to the finish.

"We all knew that the last million would be hard," she says. "Even though our programs are successful, last fall we thought, 'Oh, we've still got a long way to go.' Last year was dragging a bit."

What's always kept her motivated, apart from belief in the projects, is the community's enthusiasm. "What energizes me is when donors come to me and ask, 'What's next on the list?'"

There are three fundraisers left on the 2006 calendar.

On August 23 Terry Adair is hosting Art in the Garden at his studio on the corner of Hwy. 118 and Bayshore Acres just north of Haliburton village.

The gala's format will be different this year. On October 21 people will gather at Wigamog Inn for A Classy Cocktail Caper but instead of sitting down for a meal they'll enjoy a bevy of gourmet hors d'ouevres while listening to music and schmoozing.

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# Candlelight doubts hype over Haliburton Connect

**GREG HOEKSTRA**
*Staff Reporter*

If there's one thing that George Morris knows, it's how to provide quality, high speed Internet in challenging terrain.

As the president of Candlelight Communications, and someone who has been providing Internet service in the Haliburton Highlands for nearly five years, Morris is in a unique position to criticize the forthcoming Haliburton Connect project – a government-supported initiative aiming to link up the entire county via a fibre-optic broadband network.

Morris says that although the project's claims sound very promising, he has yet to see any evidence of a "proof of concept" phase, in which the contract company, W3 Connex, would demonstrate the practicability of their proposal. As a result, Morris is left to rely on his personal experience in the field, which suggests to him that both the county and W3 Connex may be in over their heads.

"I understand the ins, outs, and roundabouts of this like the back of my hand, and this is a very difficult place to provide wireless," Morris says. "Even with the latest technologies and local knowledge this is tough, and the promises being made by Haliburton Connect are simply not going to happen."

Haliburton Connect is a coalition of local governments and organizations that pooled their resources for the broadband technology project.

Morris is referring to earlier claims which have promised anywhere between 90 to 100 per cent coverage. Because of the sheer number of trees, coupled with the overwhelming amount of granite and valleys in the county, Morris says the only surefire way to deliver wireless in the area would be through a line-of-sight system, employing hundreds of towers to relay the signal.

Since Candlelight's inaugural year in 2002, the company has installed a number of towers to facilitate wireless communication in Eagle Lake, West Guilford, Minden, Haliburton, Blairhampton, Old Donald Road, Carnarvon, Kinmount, Wilberforce and Essonville Line. In addition to that, the company has also acquired new technology which is capable of beaming signals through a limited number of trees. But even still, Morris estimates that approximately 25 per cent of the county remains unserviced, including many secluded lakes.

Morris says he supports the fibre-optic network, which will run to Haliburton County's hospitals, schools and municipalities, among others, providing those locations with top-notch Internet capabilities. However, he says Haliburton Connect's goal to provide the surrounding areas with wireless Internet is simply not realistic.

"I don't mind competition," says Morris. "What I mind are wild promises that can't be fulfilled. I can just say the end result isn't going to be as rosy as the picture that was painted."

A second area of concern is the level of technology that is going to be deployed, which as of yet has not been revealed, Morris says. Currently, all that is known is that the contract stipulates a minimum of 1.5 Mbps service. But Morris says that the speed of standard cable or DSL internet is already hovering between 3 and 6 Mbps.

The real danger, says Morris, is that applications will begin to be tailored to higher Internet speeds, and a 1.5 Mbps connection would subsequently be rendered nearly useless, not unlike dial-up connections have been over the past few years.

"We're not talking way down the road, we're talking a year or 18 months. And who knows what will happen in five years' time. Everyone who is investing now should be looking five years down the road, for whether their stuff is actually still going to be useful."

As a result, Morris says that Haliburton Connect should strive to offer competitive speeds which are on par with current technology, so as to not disadvantage people who live outside of the county's more populated areas.

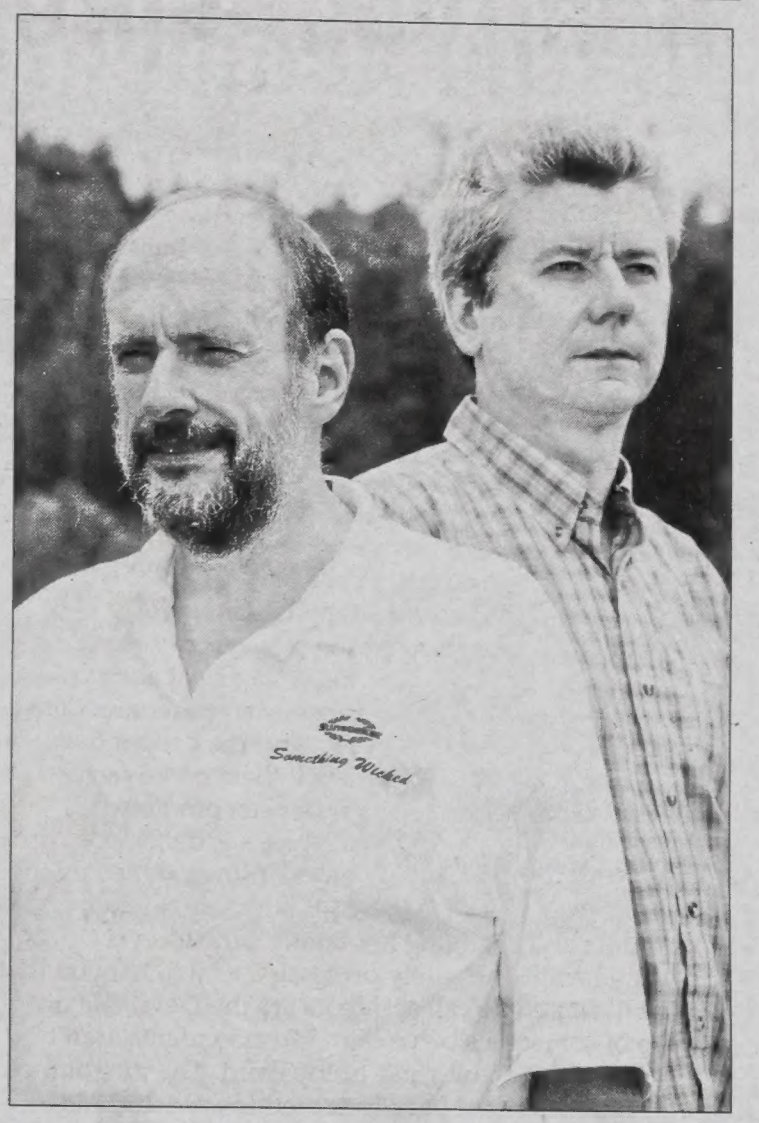
"It isn't just getting some kind of high speed to people here, it's getting the right kind, that's going to be usable for some considerable amount of time," he says. "I think it's grossly unfair to penalize my subscribers against what people in town might have."

In the end, Morris says the source of his concerns is the result of a process that has been totally "non-transparent." He says that despite several inquiries, the details of the contract have remained largely unseen, leaving him uncertain as to how the project will be deployed, what kind of technology will be utilized, and what repercussions will be enforced if the contract is not fulfilled.

"I don't know what ability there is to hold the vendor's feet to the fire if the claims and promises are not met. And that is what everyone who pays taxes in Haliburton... That's what everybody should be concerned about."

On the other hand, if the project does go off without a hitch, Morris says he will welcome the competition and applaud their achievement.

"If everything is delivered I will be the first person to stand up and congratulate the people involved," he says.

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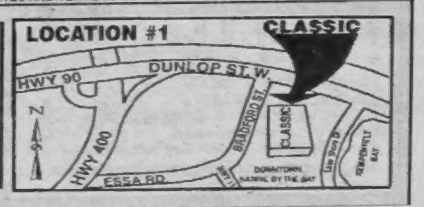

# A true accident

SUMMER IN THE HIGHLANDS is never devoid of its tragedies. With more people on the roads and lakes we have more accidents, and with more accidents there are bound to be more deaths. But there was something even more profoundly sad about Mary Kumpula's death last week. It was its randomness, its "that could have been me"-ness, its total unexpectedness.

A retired teacher with a long love of Drag Lake, Mrs. Kumpula was driving back to a cottage with a friend when they were caught up in a storm. Everyone has remarked on how quickly the storm arrived on our doorstep. Its sudden fury caught everyone by surprise during a week of storms. Mrs. Kumpula and her friend were coming back from a shopping trip to town and must have been focused on the safe and dry haven of the cottage just ahead. All storms have inherent dangers but the danger that befell them could never have been predicted.

*echo* **editorial**

*martha perkins*

A tree suddenly and without warning crashed on the roof of the car, killing Kumpula and changing her family's life forever.

Many health and safety professionals will tell you that what most people call accidents are the inevitable outcome of someone's behaviour. Most accidents aren't accidents in the true sense of the word. The root of their origin can be traced back to something specific and something, more often than not, caused by someone's actions. But a tree falling on the roof of your car? Maybe that's why we use the word "freak" in front of the word accident; it's to indicate that for once it carries with it no fault or blame. It wasn't like going out for a boat ride in the middle of a storm or reaching over to grab a CD while driving a car. There was nothing Mrs. Kumpula could have done to prevent it. And that's why her death was the kind of accident that scares us the most. It could have been any road, any moment, any one of us.

Condolences are expressed to Mary Kumpula's family by people who didn't know her but who feel their sadness nonetheless.

## A house's history

Some losses are sadly felt but not to be regretted. While most of us would love to live in a house that contained our family's domestic DNA, few of us would choose to have that house define our very existence.

Dorelle Baker's decision to sell her family's home at the bend of the road where a highway becomes a downtown street in Haliburton village must have been a tough one. The house has long been identified with the village's history, one of the few that is still recognizable from the photos of 100 years ago. Made of brick, it hasn't been torn down or burnt down like so many of our other historic buildings.

The Lucas family built this house to last and they possessed it in a spiritual as well as physical sense. It embodied the Lucas family's standing in the community, a community that they played a big role in forging. As their role in the village's development became less prominent, the house remained as a reminder of their belief in the village's future.

The past can nurture us but it cannot sustain us. The past can be both everything and nothing. Dorelle Baker was lucky to have so much of it but she can't be expected to be its sole keeper.

The streetscape of Haliburton is about to change again. But at least this time the building won't be torn down to make room for its new identity.

**Head Lake by dusk.** *Photo by* CASEY LESSARD/ECHO

# Old and temperamental

OUTSIDE OF BOATING MAGAZINES, I don't think I've ever seen anything written about the outboard motors of my youth. This is mostly because it's still not considered proper to use curse words in print.

Sadly, the old temperamental outboards are almost a thing of the past. These days, we have efficient, quiet, and reliable motors, which is a shame really. How is a kid going to learn to row?

*the not so great* **outdoorsman**

*steve galea*

The old outboards had starting sequences only slightly less complicated than those utilized on the space shuttle. Outdoorsmen actually took pride in the fact that their outboard would start on the very first pull. It did not matter that it was the very first pull after the 234th attempt either.

Typically, a father would teach his son how to start the motor — often right after a bad report card.

"Okay, son," he'd say, "attach the fuel line and prime the motor by squeezing the bulb 11 times with a consistent three-count between each. I find it helps if you count aloud in Hungarian." Which was odd since we weren't Hungarian.

"Done," you'd say nervously. And you had every right to be nervous, with Dad taking cover and all.

"Good, son," he'd then say in the sort of whisper reserved for state secrets. "Now pull the choke out two-thirds of the way; but remember in a southwest breeze, you'd draw it out three-sixteenths of an inch further."

"Check."

"Okay, now for the throttle. Do you see the start position?"

"Yes, Dad."

"Well, ignore that. Instead, I want you to pry the whole unit past the forward position until it dislodges completely. Then lay it carefully under the seat beside you."

"Check!"

"Okay, now grab the pull cord and reef back without..."

"Oh, sorry, Dad!"

"... elbowing me in the head."

"It didn't start."

"Of course not, you idiot," Dad would say while holding his eye. "That was only the preliminary sequence. This time I want you to close the choke and disconnect the fuel line but still squeeze the priming bulb three times with a six-count between each."

And so it would continue late into the evening, even as you drifted aimlessly all over the lake in search of fish. But Dad would never give up. Finally, the outboard would sputter, backfire, and billow black smoke, often of its own accord. Most fathers took this as a good sign.

At this point, your Dad would then declare the outboard finally warmed up and ready to go. He'd then give the pull cord a quick tug - and to this day I don't know how he managed to elbow himself in the eye. No matter. The important thing was that an impressionable young boy would learn several words and phrases that would come in handy in later life.

This would be followed by the traditional flooding of the motor. Such was the nature of the flood that animals from miles around would attempt to board the boat two by two. Dad took this as the signal to rebuild the carburetor.

Slowly, and without the slightest schooling in anything remotely similar, he'd figure out the one universal mechanical truth: that a defunct machine always had spare parts after it was reassembled. Mostly these took the form of springs that whizzed by your head on their way into the murky depths.

Despite all this, the outboard would start - usually on the 235th pull. Then you'd cruise happily for ten whole feet until you blew a shear pin on a dead head. Luckily, Dad had another taped to the tiller and this provided all the reason anyone ever needed to remove the prop and drop it accidentally into a weed bed. And then learn to row.

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# Not on the list

*down our* **road**

*sharon lynch*

THE MINUTE HER ALARM CLOCK went off, Kate reached up and quickly silenced it. Without missing a beat, she swung her legs over the side of the bed and strode down the hall, heading for the outhouse. It was six-thirty in the morning and the bay was shrouded in mist. A wet looking red ball hovered in the sky above it, promising another hot summer day.

Kate however, was oblivious to her surroundings, save how quickly she could make it to the outhouse while dodging large rocks along the way. As usual, her mind was already occupied with lists: lists for shopping in town – don't forget the screws and wire at the hardware store; lists for repairs around the cottage, including a new step for the outhouse; lists for outside maintenance – must clear out that underbrush by the hammock, and so on and on. To Kate, it sometimes seemed as though she could make a million lists only to find one of the items on one of the lists would be to make another list.

When she had heard she would have a month at the cottage, instead of rejoicing at the thought of fishing in the early morning or skinny dipping at dusk, her first impulse was to make a list of all that had to be done. And since it was a very old cottage, there was lots that needed doing.

It wasn't as though she was at the lake by herself. Her husband Philip and daughter Tina would also be taking a month's vacation. Unfortunately, they did not share Kate's appetite for getting things done. Philip liked to read, preferably in the hammock and Tina would be busy getting to know the boys down at the marina.

They both told Kate not to worry about all the jobs on her lists, that they would make sure the important ones got done – eventually. But that was the problem. Kate had found from experience that saying and doing were two separate matters and when the crunch came, she ended up doing it all. Philip and Tina said it was by her own choice. She'd argue the point but didn't want to waste her time. There were too many other things she could be doing instead.

Now sitting in the warm damp shadows of the outhouse, Kate was already on her way to town, at least in her head. So distracted was she that when she stepped back out onto the leaf-strewn ground, she forgot about the large rock she had rolled there herself, with the aim of beginning a small rock garden. Seeing this obstacle at the very last moment, she managed to half jump, half skip around it, contorting her body in a way that would be comical if wasn't so painful.

Because she went down, despite her best effort. She lost her balance and put out her hand to break the fall. But she still fell, painfully bending back her wrist and turning her knee into a gusher.

Lying on the gravelly, leafy ground beside that big, beautiful rock she had so carefully selected, Kate was furious. The anger was like a fountain , pouring up and out so strongly that for a moment she was unaware of the pain throbbing in her wrist and leg. Shaking her head to clear her thoughts, she stood up and it was then she noticed the blood running down her leg. Not a lot of blood, but it was running toward her ankle nonethe-less. Then it was the throbbing of her wrist that really captured her attention then. As though saying, "Ignore that knee and pay attention to me!", Kate had to gasp at the ferocity that gripped her right arm from elbow to finger tips. Of course it would have to be her right arm, she thought miserably as she walked gingerly back to the cottage.

To give them credit, Philip and Tina sprung into action once they learned what had happened. Since it was her right wrist that was injured, Kate was pretty useless at doing anything and so had to turn herself over to their ministrations. When she remarked with some surprise at Tina's deft manipulations of gauze and ointment, Tina reminded her she had been a Girl Guide. When Kate mumbled something about her wrist would be fine if she could only have a few aspirins, Philip showed unusual pluck by declaring they were going to the emergency department in town to have it properly attended to.

After it was confirmed that she had sprained her wrist and immobility was the best medicine, Kate tried valiantly to remind Philip about needing the screws and wire from the hardware store, but it was like talking to a deaf person. He simply looked at her and said, "Now you'll be forced to take a break." She leaned back in her seat and said nothing.

That evening, Kate sat in the sunporch with her stitched knee elevated on a hassock and her right arm in a sling. Philip was cooking up a storm on the barbeque and Tina was making her mom a tall, cool drink. The fading sunlight shimmered on the bay and Kate actually saw a fish jump out of the water, then disappear back down leaving barely a ripple. She wondered how that could be. In all the years at the cottage, Kate had never seen that before. She had always been too busy to watch.

## pic *of the* past

Everyone loves to spend the day fishing and the Lucas family, who are featured in our story about Dorelle Baker on page 41, was no exception. Here they show off their catch on Indian Point, Drag Lake. Not everyone is known. Of the men, it's William Lucas, the first white man born in Haliburton village, at the second from left. The women are, from left, Lucy McBrien, Mrs. William (Rose) Lucas and Olive (Ollie) Irish. Our thanks to the Haliburton Highlands Museum for sharing this photo with us.

## *letters* to the editor

# Enough signs in the county already

**To the Editor:**

I attended a meeting at the Drag Lake Property Owners Association on July 2. There were three signs attached to the wall next to the main table.

They ranged in size from approx 36" X 16", 28" X 10", and 16" X 5". The signs are to be located at our docks.

The meeting proceeded normally until the end. The chairman asked for a show of acceptance of the signs by applause. There were very few in favour of the large one, a smattering of applause for the middle one and about the same for the small one so the medium one was chosen. .

I have never been in favour of signs in our beautiful Haliburton Highlands but with the 9/11 scare, it seems everyone has gone on a terror, safety, emergency scare. I have to accept the fact that our highways and rural roads have to be "adorned" with these blue and white signs but please do not deface our pretty Drag Lake. I have been told that in case of an emergency, a cell phone could be used to get help to the numbered dock; that can still happen without the signs.

I have been on Drag Lake for 21 years and I like the tranquility of the place. I wanted to know why we could not vote on whether we wanted the signs or not. I was informed later at the Bonhams Bay Road Association meeting on July 29 that a vote had been held and it was unanimous. I am hearing impaired but I would have been alert to a formal vote.

Another question that pops up is why were the signs already on display? It must have been a forgone conclusion that they would be accepted. I am not if favour of this kind of politics

If this proposal goes through, I will most probably put a large sign on my dock. It will read For Sale.

**John Pugh**
**Disappointed cottager at Drag Lake**

# Bravo to the "Miracle Worker"

**To the Editor:**

Re: the review of the Miracle Worker which finally appeared a week and a half into its run with only 3 performances left.

Although she gives an excellent synopsis of a very moving play, Rachel De Lazzer doesn't come close to recognizing the stunning performances of this ensemble of actors in one of the best and most difficult productions ever presented at the

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**Boonieville** by Charlie Teljeur

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Highlands Summer Festival. With no mention of the brilliant Scott Denton's superb casting and direction the review is accompanied by misquotes of the dialogue and photographs that convey little of the energy and emotional tension of the play.

Through technical difficulties, power outages, and a temporary breakdown of the theatre's air conditioning system, this cast and crew rose to the occasion with every performances and the audiences rose for them every night.

Bravo.

**Lynda Campbell,**
**Soyers Lake**

# Riveting performances

To the Editor:

After seeing two excellent and diverse performances at the Highlands Summer Theatre, I felt I must write a personal thank you to the casts, crew and everyone responsible. Last week, I sat riveted by the amazing performances in The Miracle Worker. What a huge undertaking and what a wonderful evening. Previously, Maggie's Getting Married provided a great evening of laughter for all.

Thank you to all who spend so many hours of your time to give us such terrific theatre!

I look forward to the two performances to come.

**Dorothy Owens**
**Haliburton resident**

# Ma Bell has ill communications

To the Editor:

I just finished reading the story "Bell's hells" by Ted Morris about his exasperation in trying to deal with "Ma Bell." Well, Mr. Morris is not alone.

I have lived at Maple Lake for seven years and I have dealt with Bell telephone about 10 times with telephone and Internet problems. The first time was a frustrating experience but after that you just went along with the ridiculous routine. Patience is definitely a virtue when trying to deal with Ma Bell. I never did talk to a representative in India but I did talk to people in London, Ontario.

You could brew a cup of tea while waiting for information.

I have talked with Ma Bell many times about getting connected to high speed service but this is available only within three cable kilometres of a switching station. My 754 switching station is in West Guilford so I am out of luck. My only recourse would be to go to a wireless system.

I suppose we shouldn't complain too much: slow service is better than no service even if it costs us the same as in Toronto. At least in Toronto you could switch carriers. No such luck up here. Keep one thing in mind: Noah finished building the ark only as the rain started to fall.

**Eddie Lehman**
**Maple Lake**

# Recycling juice cans

**To the Editor:**

The Haliburton dump does not accept whole frozen juice containers for recycling because they are made of components that go into different containers. Your readers can recycle these containers by separating them into their plastic, metal, paper and box-board components, which the dump will accept.

The top metal lid, and plastic seal, separate when you open the container. The rest of the container can be separated easily by soaking it overnight in your sink, after which you peel the outside paper, and the box-board, from the inside plastic liner and metal bottom. It is then easy to tear the plastic liner from the metal bottom and send the components to the appropriate blue box.

Another important step readers should add to their recycling is to make recyclables compact. If you remove the ends of cans and then step on the container to flatten it, and open the ends of boxes and then fold them flat, the dumpsters will make far fewer truck trips to the recycling depot. You will make fewer trips to the dump. The fuel savings are a benefit to the environment.

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# Cruiser spins into ditch on way to fatality

**GREG HOEKSTRA**
*Staff Reporter*

Extremely wet conditions and low visibility caused a police cruiser to veer off the road and into a ditch last Tuesday while responding to a priority one emergency call.

After high winds toppled a tree and crushed a vehicle on Dardanelles Road, two officers set out down Hwy. 118 at high speeds. While turning on to Harburn Road, the first police cruiser began to hydroplane and the officer behind the wheel quickly lost control of the vehicle, which sent the cruiser careening into a nearby ditch.

Sgt. Sharron Kiely of the Haliburton Highlands OPP Detachment said the officer was not injured and the vehicle sustained only minor damage to the driver's side door. The second officer, who had been following approximately 500 metres behind, was on the scene instantly to help the first officer out of the ditch, and the two then proceeded to Dardanelles Road, leaving the dinged up cruiser at the side of the road.

"Normally you don't leave a cruiser behind, but when someone is seriously injured, who cares about the car," said Sgt. Kiely, the investigating officer at the scene of the accident.

Although the car was completely spun around by the time it came to a stop in the ditch, Kiely said there was absolutely no evidence on the road of skidding or sliding, which is a telling indication of just how much water had built up on the road.

Under the Highway Traffic Safety Act, police officers are permitted to drive above the speed limit when responding to priority one emergency calls. However, under the hazardous circumstances, the responding officer probably should have taken a little more caution when negotiating the turn, Kiely said.

While responding to a fatal accident on Dardanelles Road on Drag Lake, above, during a rainstorm, an OPP officer lost control of his cruiser after making a turn onto Harburn Road from Hwy 118, top left.

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Ever walk through the forest and get the feeling something is watching? Dennis Cliff captures this sense of movement in his paintings on display at the Grand Hall at Fleming.

# Art changes with every step you take

**MARTHA PERKINS**

*Editor*

Have you ever been walking through the woods and had the creepy suspicion that something is watching you? You stop in your tracks. You see and hear nothing. You take a few steps. Wait, there's that sensation again. Wasn't something moving behind those trees?

Unless you are a fan of horror movies, it doesn't take long to realize that you're the one creating the sense of movement simply by walking through the forest. Your peripheral vision takes in the kaleidoscope of shapes and colours – shapes that are rather dormant unless there's a wind. It's not the forest that's changing with every step, rather your perception of it.

It was while walking through the woods of Haliburton that Dennis Cliff began to wonder how he as a painter could capture this sense of movement. He had long been working on ways to convey a sense of movement on canvas but that still involved the viewer standing and looking at a painting. What if the viewer's movement was what caused the experience to change?

The result is a new exhibit at the Grand Hall of the Fleming College campus in Haliburton, on display until the end of August.

The paintings are on four levels but they aren't three-dimensional.

On the back level is a print of one of Cliff's paintings. Then, in most cases, his original painting has been cut into thin strips, about a centimeter wide and 30 centimetres long. These strips are then precisely interspersed in front of the other painting in three different layers, no two layers on top of one another. Imagine a painting that's woven with the warp but not the weft.

It's by walking past the painting that it changes. It's not like one of those multi-sided billboards that rotates from one image to another. You do see the painting from different angles but the strips of painting are still two-dimensional. It's only because you see that layer underneath that you feel that the landscape has moved, evolved, become something else.

The effect works best in paintings such as Forest Impressions, Towards the Sky and Snowy Woods. With the latter work especially, it feels as if the snow is falling

*See* **Cliff** *page 11*

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# Cliff changes the way people view paintings

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as you walk past because the painting is already so busy with flakes and snow and trees. Likewise, the tall trees reaching towards the sky in Forest Impressions lend themselves perfectly to the tall strips of painting. You get a totally different perspective – more abstract – with a painting called Stratum. It splits the scene horizontally, with a small cliff leading to water and campers sunning themselves by their tent on shore.

"It abstracts itself when you walk by the painting," he says of the work in the show. "You don't focus on anything; you're just aware.

"I'm just excited that I can change the way people are looking at this."

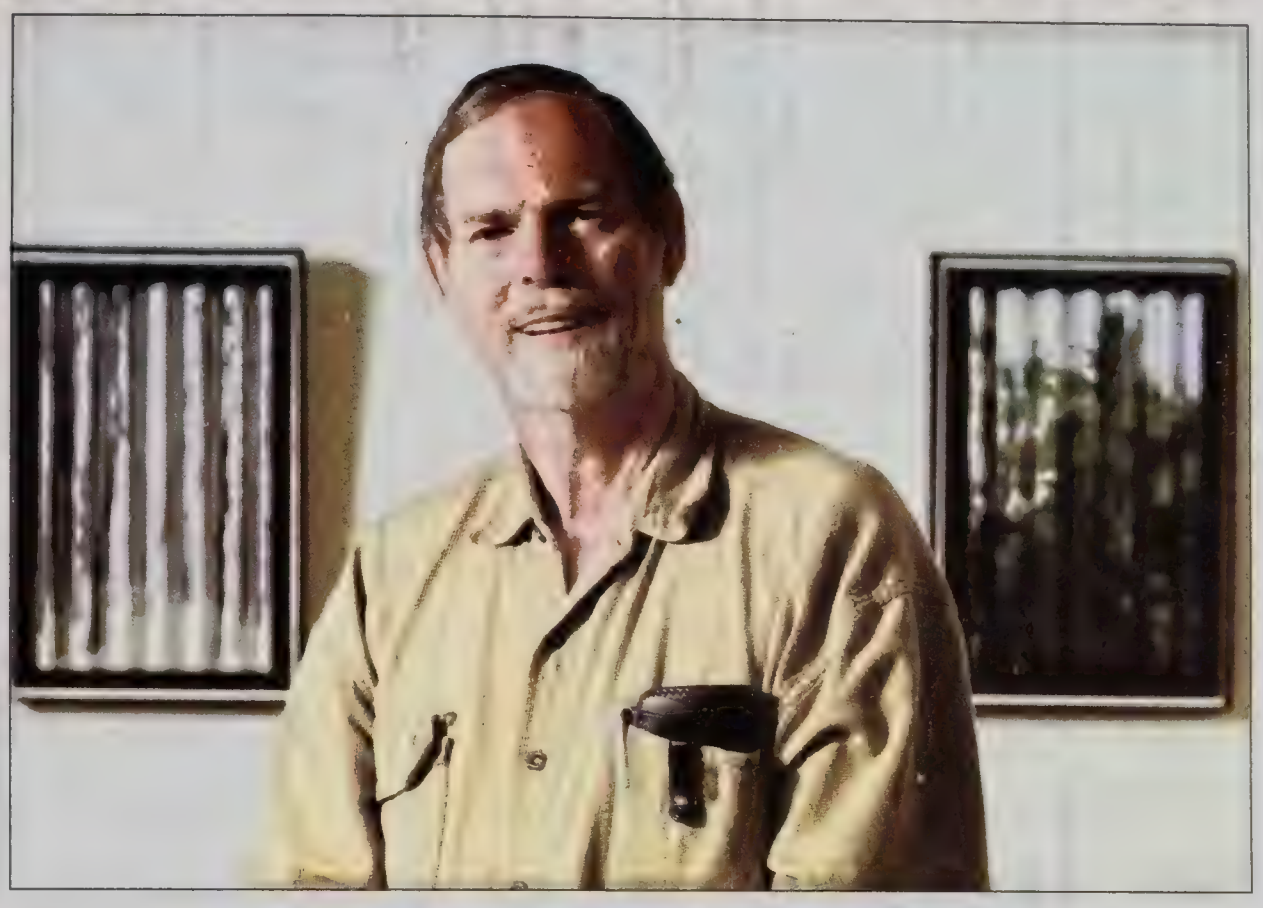
Although this is a new technique for Cliff – and he wonders if any other painter is doing it – it has been 45 years in the making.

Until this show the long-time teacher at the Haliburton School of the Arts has always done abstracts, never landscapes. In 1968 he had his first one-man show called the Tracer series. In a booklet about his work from 1968 to 1991, Cliff writes that "it resulted from an exploration into the potential of the shape of the canvas support to impact on the tension created by colour when it is stretched and interrupted at the same time as being allowed to flow." In a 1974 series called Colour Chord, Cliff used colour to create optical spatial shifts. Then he created a complicated process of taking one of his paintings, tracing it and shading both paintings individually before cutting one into various shapes and imposing the two paintings and the cut-out shapes on top of one another – all in the quest of creating movement on a flat surface.

Today, "I just find it fascinating what you can do by taking this a step further."

It was a technically-complicated and time-consuming process to come up with the current exhibit. Each painting took about 45 hours to complete, primarily because it's so difficult to stretch and bind the strips of the overlying painting. (He speeded up the initial process by realizing he could have a digital print of the original painting printed on the canvas that's in the background, thus ending the need to paint the same painting twice. His next challenge is to figure out how to do it on larger pieces of canvas without bending the canvas.

The use of landscape lends itself to the concept, especially since the inspiration came from his walks through the Highlands' woods. But it's not the landscape itself that matters to Cliff. That would make the painting too static. He's one of the few artists that gets his biggest thrill when you walk away from the painting and then stop. What was that that just moved?



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With much experience painting abstract art, Dennis Cliff's new techniques in landscape painting are heavily influenced by abstract concepts and have been in the making for 45 years.

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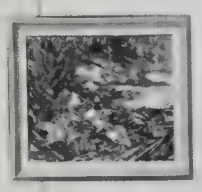

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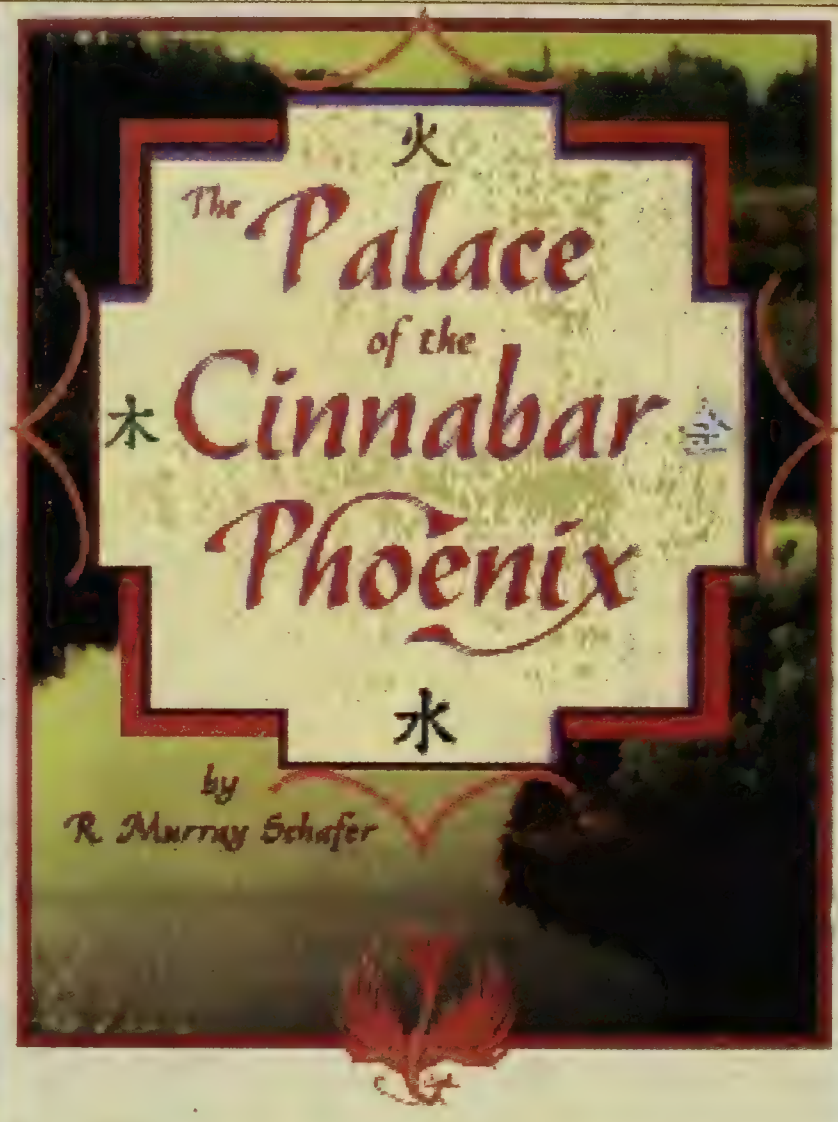


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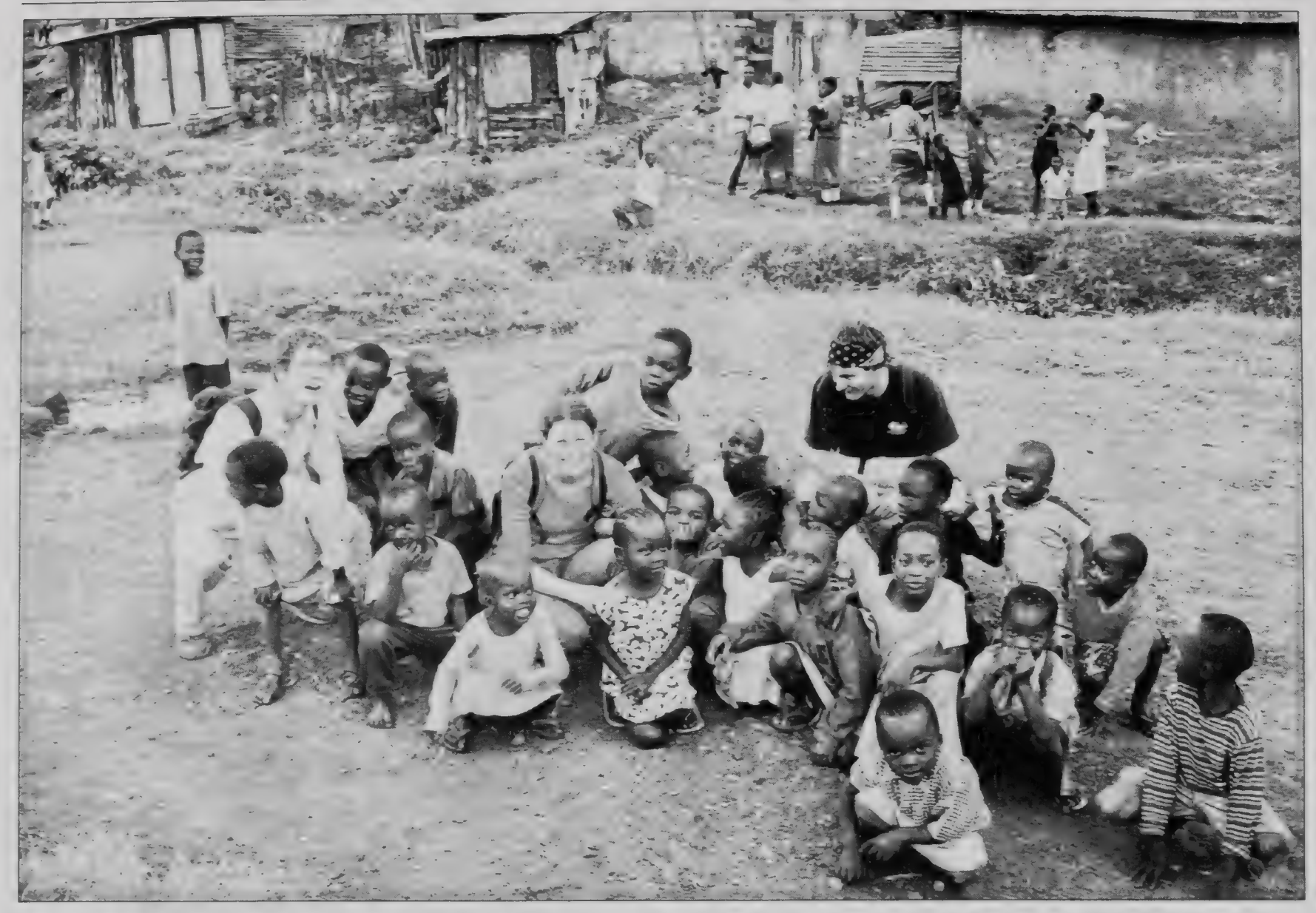

Liz Donnery, crouching in the middle, returned to Africa last year, this time to Kenya. She's meeting with a group of people in Haliburton this week to plan what they can do to help Africa cope with its AIDS epidemic.

# Haliburton native catches the Africa bug

## *Now she wants to infect others with the desire to help*

**RACHEL DE LAZZERI**

*Staff Reporter*

Humanitarian worker and Haliburton native Liz Donnery is in town to meet with a group of youth who are gearing up to head to Africa this year to help stem the tide of AIDS in whatever way they can. They're meeting in a home on Cranberry Lake from Sunday to Tuesday to begin planning their three-month trip.

Donnery, who works for humanitarian organization ICA Canada, says the meeting will help the team determine how to best use each person's skill sets during their time in Africa and create a sense of unity among them, since some are from as far away as British Columbia and the United States.

Twenty-two-year-old Jonathan Lubin of Vancouver is among the group. He's been to Africa once before. "I've seen how much need there is for help with the HIV pandemic," says Lubin. "Even though there are many groups already there contributing toward the cause, there's still a huge need."

It's a passion shared by Donnery, who grew up in Lochlin before leaving for Queen's University in 2000. Her love affair with Africa and its people began in the summer of 2002 when she heard someone speak about NGOs (non-governmental organizations) there. For the rest of the summer, she found herself thinking of ways she might help the African people.

The following January, she was standing on Africa soil and didn't leave until June. For three full months,

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# Number of AIDS deaths more real after trip to Africa

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February to May, she worked at a pregnancy crisis centre that helped to educate high-school-age African women about AIDS prevention.

"That was the trip that captured me completely," says Donnery. "I had to decide that this had been a great experience, but would I go on with my plans for my life, or would I decide this was something I wanted to do?"

To hear her speak, it sounds like she made the right choice. She's now channelling her passion through the ICA organization to help stir up others to go or to give. With her, she takes a message of staggering figures.

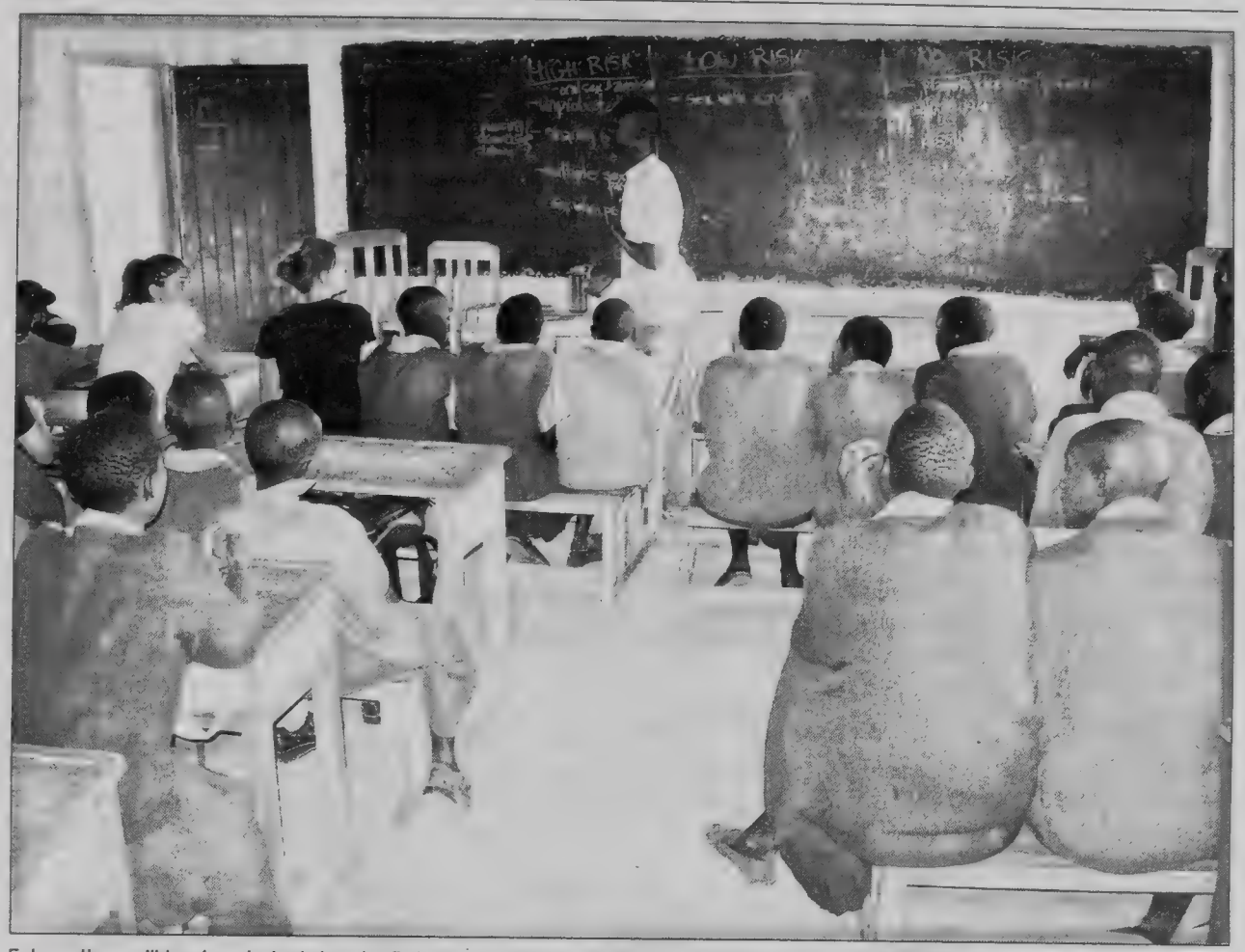
Donnery says 25 million people worldwide have died from the spread of AIDS and more than 40 million people live with the disease today. In many parts of Africa, one in every three people are HIV positive. Sub-Saharan Africa contains more than 70 per cent of the total world HIV-positive population. In the southernmost region are countries with HIV prevalence rates of over 30 per cent, the highest in the world (aidsinAfrica.net).

The problem is, we've heard it before.

"People have heard these things, but we feel so removed that we disassociate ourselves," says Donnery.

"But every single Saturday you're attending a funeral, and every family has a story of the tragedy they have undergone as a result of the pandemic.

"I don't think people understand the gravity and urgency. Unless you go and see it first-hand, it's difficult to grasp the true devastation."




Education will be key in helping to fight the spread of AIDS in countries such as Kenya. In Tanzania, the focus will be on AIDS testing as well as helping women start their own businesses.

Donnery says AIDS has become a global crisis that extends beyond the borders of Africa to India, China and Russia and the numbers are growing all over the world.

"We're going to have an entire generation of people who have been wiped out by this disease and it's continuing to escalate."

For someone who's so passionate about a desperate situation that's an ocean away, it's hard to believe Donnery had other ideas before she got hooked on Africa.

When she heard the first speaker on NGOs, she was a student at Queen's majoring in psychology with plans to become a clinical psychologist. As Donnery herself says, many people who head to Africa for volunteer work come back "infected."

The bug was in her and she started taking more inter-

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# Bus will leave Haliburton for Toronto event

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national development courses at Queen's. She also dug her heels into the school's medical outreach team, which did a lot of AIDS education work, and returned to Africa in 2004 to teach prevention of the disease at high schools.

Upon returning to Canada, she heard the man responsible for many an infected Africa worker – Stephen Lewis, the Secretary General's Special Envoy for HIV/AIDS. His zeal and his message were just further confirmation for the path she'd already chosen.

She eventually wound up working for ICA Canada (the Canadian Institute of Cultural Affairs) a few years later through another Haliburton connection. Local residents Barry Hart and Heather Alloway knew about Donnery's passion for Africa. They'd heard another local resident, John Patterson, speak about his work on that continent and they put her in touch. Patterson worked with ICA for nearly 20 years in various countries, especially in India, China and Africa. He's now retired, but remains active with ICA efforts in Africa. A presentation that Donnery later made for Patterson, among others, including Globe and Mail reporter Alana Mitchell, told him she was a driven young lady.

"Here was this young, very, very enthusiastic, extremely bright lady from Haliburton who had this experience in Africa that was very rich and her passion for Africa was tremendous. I decided this would be a great lady to have on the trip with us," he says.

Patterson invited her to join him and him and his brother Jim, along with ICA staff and volunteers, to go on an assessment trip to Africa. She couldn't go, but was so keen to help out, she sent him an e-mail while he was in Africa stating her willingness to help in whatever way she could.

> *"We're at a pivotal stage in history where this disease will become the worst pandemic in history or we can respond and turn the clock back.*
>
> **LIZ DONNERY**

The fruit of the assessment trip was a new campaign, called Listen to the Drumming, which Donnery helped Patterson and the others who went on the assessment trip, create. Listen to the Drumming is a joint effort between ICA Canada and six ICA offices in Africa, in Kenya, South Africa, Zambia, Nigeria, Zimbabwe and Tanzania. ICA is an international organization with 27 offices around the world.

Each African office has a specific focus. In Tanzania, it's AIDS testing, counselling and home-based care. For the Tanzanian office, a Toronto-based insurance company called Northwater Capital has come on board as a partner offering $50,000 to the Tanzania ICA for a microcredit financing program that allows women to learn skills that will help them manage their own small business as well as giving them loans to get it started. Donnery says that in many parts of Africa, women are very dependant on men for all of their needs and often forced into prostitution to bring in money for their families.

"Our goal is to raise $350,000 to split between the six ICAs by the end of this year," says Donnery. One way to raise the necessary funds is to have corporations partner with the ICAs in Africa to provide funding, as Northwater Capital has done with the Tanzanian office. Staff from the insurance company will also head over to Tanzania help train the African womenin business skills.

As a way to raise money for Listen to the Drumming, ICA is holding an event in Toronto on the evening of Monday, August 14 – Inspirational Responses to HIV/AIDS in Africa. Donnery says a few buses have already been rented to take people from Haliburton.

Featured speaker, Mary Ash of PASADA Tanzania, has done development work in health policy in Africa for 16 years. She'll be joined by other guest speakers who will share the hope and challenge of helping societies in the HIV/AIDS crisis. The evening also includes drum and dance performances.

Donnery says AIDS is at a point that begs quick action.

"We're at a pivotal stage in history where this disease will become the worst pandemic and will wipe out millions more, or we're at a point where we can respond and turn the clock back."

Donnery says AIDS is a completely preventable disease and the medical community is on the verge of discovering a microbicide that will stop the spread of infection. "With cancer, we're not at that point yet."

ICA Canada is always looking for people interested in donating their time and energy, or their finances. Those with special skills – medical, business, legal, social work – are especially needed to make the trip to Africa.

When people return, Donnery says, they are often struck with a similar realization that they've received more than they've given.

Donnery says they are overwhelmed at the kindness and generosity of the African people, who have so little, yet offer so much of what they have to strangers.

"Everyone has amazing stories of African people blessing them in different ways and making them feel like they've received more than they've given."

When they return to Canada, they usually want to know what they can do to help. One way is through the Toronto event.

Inspirational Responses to HIV/AIDS in Africa will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Metropolitan United Church at 56 Queen St. E. (at Church St.) and two blocks east of Queen St. subway station. Suggested donation for each ticket is $50. For tickets to the event, contact Liz Donnery or David Buwalda at ICA Canada, 1-877-691-1422.

The event benefits the ICAs in Africa as well as a group called PASADA (Pastoral Activities and Services for People with AIDS.)

ICA Canada has also registered with the Toronto marathon in October. ICA is looking for runners and walkers to do a half marathon (5 kilometres), a relay, or a full marathon. Register for the marathon at www.torontomarathon.com. Contact Liz Donnery (ldonnery@icacan.ca) to register your contact information into the runner database.


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# Take a plunge for the Drag Lake annual swim

**MARTHA PERKINS**
*Editor*

This coming Saturday, cottagers and residents of all ages will plunge into the waters of Drag Lake for a mile-long swim, continuing an annual tradition that has existed for more than 60 years.

The event was founded sometime in the late1930s or early 1940s by Drag Lake cottager Ced Hurd, a marathon swimmer from Toronto who took it upon himself to teach the children of Drag Lake to swim.

Since there were no paved roads north of Lindsay in those days, visitors to the area would often park their cars for the weekend and the family boat became a lifeline to and from the cottage. As a result, Hurd recognized how essential it was that young kids learn how to swim so he began teaching lessons at the Sandy Point beach and scheduled a short, annual marathon to help children test their limits.

Ced Hurd, a marathon swimmer, founded the Drag Lake swim in the late 1930s.

Twenty years ago Hurd passed away but fellow cottager and swim instructor Jim Fink refused to let the tradition die out. Fink pushed forward with the marathon, now known to many as the Ced Hurd Swim, because he felt it was an important and preventative measure to keep the lake safe and accident free.

"When you look at all the drownings that are occurring, it's a happenstance that results from people not knowing their own limitations when it comes to swimming," says Fink.

"The other interesting thing about that distance is that there are very few points on Drag Lake where you would have to swim for more than a mile to reach shore."

By having cottagers of all ages swimming together, along a well-marked route with patrol boats on standby, Fink hopes to teach people – particularly younger children – to be comfortable in the water and trust their strength as a swimmer.

"If you can swim a mile just by willing yourself to do so, you could probably swim several miles if you had to. This mile swim helps to establish those parameters, and helps children to overcome the natural tendency towards fear and panic," he says.

"It also gives parents great peace of mind, knowing that their children are capable of swimming a mile."

This year will mark Fink's 57th personal swim, though he notes that the marathon was "definitely being done before that, but I was just too small." This year, Fink will swim alongside his seven-year-old granddaughter, who will be participating for the first time.

Hurd passed away 20 years ago, but his legacy lives on .

Fink says that when he was a child, finishing Hurd's marathon often came with its own rewards.

"When I was a kid you weren't allowed in a boat without a life jacket until you could do the mile swim, and you weren't allowed to use an outboard motor until you'd done the mile swim," he says. "Up until that point it was life jackets and oars, so there were some big rewards associated with doing the mile swim."

These days, all children who complete the swim are given a certificate bearing the history of Ced Hurd. Awards are handed out to a number of participants, including the youngest and oldest swimmers. Top prize for the day goes to the swimmer who finishes with the best time, with their name being engraved on the official Ced Hurd plaque.

Of course, the focus of the marathon swim has never been to win, or even place, but simply to enjoy the water and make it across the finish line. After all, as the swim's motto goes, "Winning is wonderful, but finishing is fabulous."

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## What's a grandson to do?

The final play in this year's Highlands Summer Festival opened last night at the Northern Lights Pavilion. Rod Carley stars as Nick in *Over the River and Through the Woods,* a comedy about a young man's dilemma when he has to tell his grandparents that he has a dream job – in another country. The play continues every week night until August 11 except for August 3 when pianist Melissa Stephens and bass soloist Jon-Paul Décosse join forces for an evening of classical music.


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Left: Angela Del Sol is a flamenco dancer awakened by the sounds of a guitar in Treiro-Tran, choreographed by Esmeralda Enrique.

Below: The Groove, featuring local musicians Ben Young, Jake Ruddy, Joli Young and Adrian Martin, warmed up the crowd with a variety of jazz styles, including bebop, swing, Latin standards and show tunes.

Bottom: Ayelen Liberona emerged from her cocoon 30 feet above the Drag River in Head Lake Park, doing a graceful dance in a precarious position.

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Far left: Benton Brown and Jordyn Archer hide their affections during a performance of The Hat.

Left: Ayelen Liberona appears as the love-witch in LOVEsPARK, a story of strangers on a bench who emerge a couple after her intervention.

Below: David Danzon hosted the event, guiding spectators from scene to scene in different parts of Head Lake Park. The show is being performed in six Ontario cities, bringing together Toronto professionals and local youth to perform together.

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# Scheduled bus route commences next week

GREG HOEKSTRA
*Staff Reporter*

For the past three years, Hyland Taxi owner Marty Grant has been doing his part to keep Haliburton on the move, and starting next week, he plans to take that duty one step further.

As of August 8, Grant plans to add a 19-seat limo bus to his company's fleet, initiating what will be Haliburton's first scheduled transit service. The bus will make two round trips from Haliburton every weekday, with planned stops in Minden, Carnarvon, West Guilford and Eagle Lake.

Grant says the new service is an attempt to link together the neighbouring communities, which are spread far enough apart that most people wouldn't consider calling a cab.

"I try and keep my rates low, but feasibly they're as low as they can go, and it's still too expensive for some people," Grant says. "This will open things up for those people."

Fare for the new bus will be a $10 flat rate, regardless of which stop a rider chooses to get on or off at. And though the rate may seem steep when compared to public transit in the city, keep in mind that a bus ride to Minden will cost Haliburton riders a third of what a traditional taxi would charge.

For that exact reason, some have criticized Grant's latest scheme, noting that he is essentially competing with himself. But despite all the nay-saying, Grant says he knows the industry, understands his clients' needs, and feels that the time is right for transit service in Haliburton County.

"Some people said 'You're going to cut into...you're going to hurt your taxi business,' but the people who are going to be using the bus are people who wouldn't be able to afford the taxis anyway," he says. "This just gives them the opportunity to get out of Haliburton at an affordable rate."

GREG HOEKSTRA/Echo

Hyland Taxi owner Marty Grant plans to unveil a new scheduled transit service next week, with daily trips from Haliburton to Minden, Carnarvon, West Guilford, and Eagle Lake. If the service is successful, Grant says he will consider a second route from Haliburton to Essonville Line, Wilberforce, Tory Hill, and Gooderham.

Grant says that many people in Haliburton have family and friends in surrounding areas, but unless they own a vehicle, casual visits are ordinarily kept to a minimum. By making a daily bus route available to residents, he's hopeful that people will seize the opportunity to visit nearby family and rekindle old friendships.

A second upshot, says Grant, could be the financial impact, however small it may be, that a bus route will have on local businesses. With a new mode of transportation available, residents and cottagers in smaller communities, such as West Guilford and Eagle Lake, now have a lifeline connecting them to the shops, restaurants, and movie theatres of Haliburton and Minden.

In addition to that, Grant says that the new bus route could help people find work.

"There are lots of people who could find work outside of Haliburton, but they can't get there because they don't have vehicles and it's too expensive by taxi," he says, adding, "at $8 an hour it's just not worth it."

Next Tuesday, Grant's first bus will make its inaugural voyage, and within two to three weeks, a second bus will also be added to the fleet. Grant says the buses primary purpose will be the scheduled transit route, but notes that both vehicles will also be available for chartered trips, such as large groups who would like to visit Toronto, Peterborough, or Casino Rama for the day.

The buses will also come in handy during the weekend bar rush, says Grant, as large groups of camp counsellors tend to overwhelm his fleet of 12 taxis.

By utilizing the new buses, Grant will be able to transport upwards of two dozen counsellors, without exhausting his resources and leaving local residents temporarily without transportation home.

Currently, the bus is scheduled to depart from the Haliburton town docks at 7:15 a.m., and from there it will stop at the Minden court house (7:45), Carnarvon bowling alley (8:10), West Guilford shopping centre (8:25), and Eagle Lake Foodtown (8:40) before returning to Haliburton. An evening schedule is also planned, following the same route and departing Haliburton at 5:15 p.m.

Although that schedule will remain in effect for the first few weeks, Grant says the times are only tentative, and could fluctuate depending on what works best for the community.

"I want the times to suit the majority of people so if that means changing the times around a little bit, then it's flexible," he says.

Grant says that he will welcome the community's input over the next few weeks as he labours to get this project up and running.

If the first bus route proves successful, Grant says he is also prepared to launch a second route, travelling from Haliburton to Essonville Line, Wilberforce, Tory Hill, and Gooderham, but only so long as the community has expressed an interest in it.

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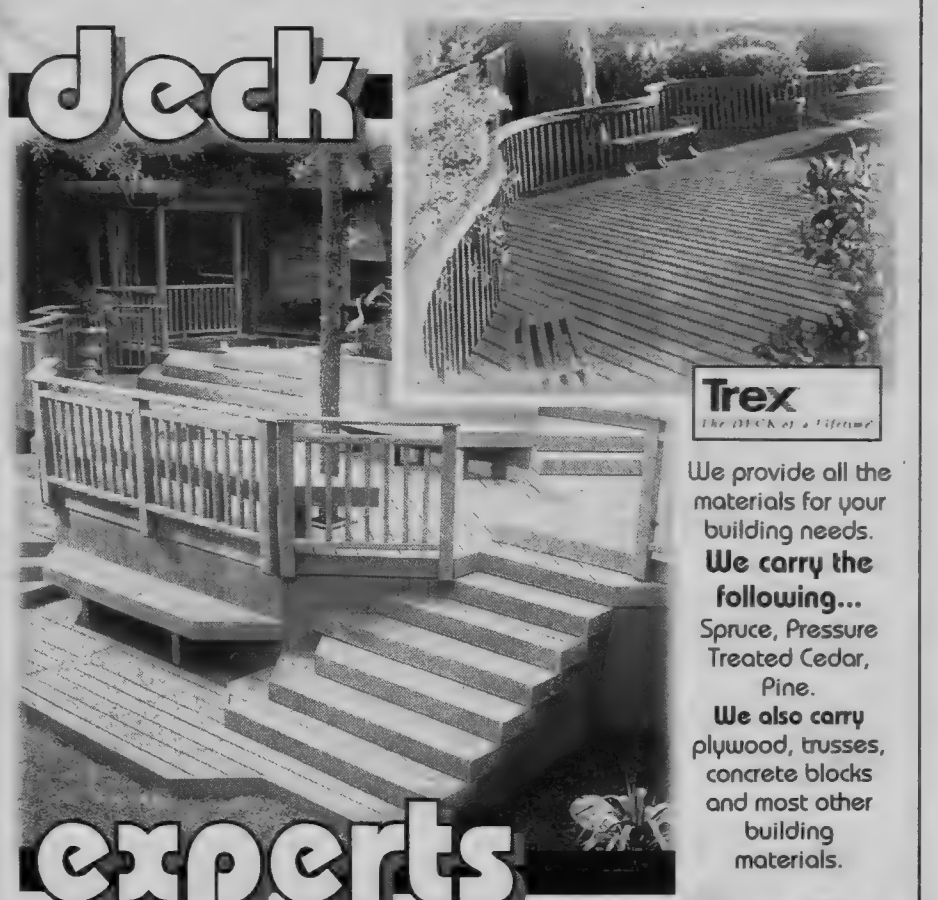

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# Being Drag Lake's Loon watcher is serious business for local husband and wife

MARTHA PERKINS
*Editor*

It's not every job that requires you to spend a sunny afternoon touring the lake in a boat.

But despite its obvious pleasures, being Drag Lake's loon watcher is also serious business for Barb Bohlin.

"Everyone loves loons but if you want to keep them you have to take care of them and protect their habitat," she says while out on a pontoon boat looking for signs of the five loon families that are currently living on Drag Lake.

This is an especially important time of year to get the message across. Many of the loon couples have only recently come off the nest – chicks can hatch any time up to early August – and there's a real danger that the chicks can be killed by boaters.

"If the young chicks are with the parents the parents won't dive [if a boat is coming] and the young chicks can't dive," she says.

Loons have a hard enough time as it is trying to ensure their offspring survive natural dangers that Bohlin wants to remind all boaters not to make it worse by their actions.

"This time of year is the most crucial for chick survival so you should do your best just to stay away and let the adults do their job."

Boaters also pose a huge risk to loon survival when the eggs are in the nest. Loons build their nests very close to land – and marauding animals – and if a nest is flooded by a boat's wake, the eggs spill out into the water and can't be recovered. Sometimes boaters, including canoeists, get too close to a nest, prompting the loon to abandon it.

Last year it was heavy rains in June that might have caused the low birth rate. There was only one family that had one chick survive long enough to take off in the fall. Bohlin suspects that the rains raised the water levels so quickly and so high that nests were flooded at a crucial time.

This year there are two pairs of loons with two chicks and one pair with one chick out of the four pairs of loons and one lone loon on the lake. (A dead loon was found last year and since loons are believed to mate for life, this might be its partner.)

At least once a month since spring, Bohlin and her husband Gunars Vestfals have toured the lake to count the loons and now their chicks. Using binoculars to allow them to keep a safe distance, Bohlin records the evolving loon population. At the end of the season she'll send the data in to the Canadian Lakes Loon Survey, which has been compiling information nation-wide since 1986.

Danger bells rang in the 1970s when research showed that acid rain was killing off the aquatic life that loons needed to survive. Controls placed on emissions in the 1980s and '90s have helped lakes rebound, but the loon survey says large areas of southeastern Canada are still feeling the harmful effects of pollution picked up by air currents hundreds of miles away.

Between 1999 and 2002, thousands of loons died during their annual migration when they made a pit stop on Lake Erie. They were poisoned by type E botulism.

Other threats include mercury poisoning caused by pollution and lead poisoning caused by ingesting a fisherman's lead sinker.

Research shows that loon productivity is strongest on our west and east coasts while it is low in the region north of Georgian Bay and Lake Ontario.

In Haliburton's reservoir lakes there is no data on the impact that fluctuating levels caused by the Trent-Severn Waterways might have on our loon populations.

Bohlin can't help but marvel at the loon. Like many lake residents she's thrilled by the sound of their chatter, associating their haunting cry with her fierce love of Canada's natural resources. (She dislikes, however, the sound of a loon's trilling "laugh" because the laughter is really a loon's distress call. If a person hears a loon

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With her husband Gunars Vestfals at the helm of a friend's pontoon boat, Barb Bohlin keeps an eye out for loons and their young chicks on Drag Lake.

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# Although powerful swimmers, loons are inept on land

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making this call, best to move away. The loon's not very happy with you at the moment.)

The same evolution that made loons powerful underwater swimmers is responsible for their total ineptitude on land. A loon's feet are at the far end of its body, making it impossible for them to traverse on land. This bottom-heavy physique also means that they require a long lake runway for take-off.

Adult loons can therefore do little to protect their eggs when they're on the nest.

And it's because loons are such bad fliers that it's fairly easy to keep track of their numbers. "Adult loons rarely fly so it's highly unlikely that the two loons you see in Bonhams Bay are the same in East Bay," Bohlin says.

The common loons that visit the Highlands every summer come from a lineage almost 10 million years old. Its ancestors were here 60 million years ago so it's little wonder that they are so much a part of who we are. They've just always been here.

Bohlin and other loon watchers throughout the Highlands want to ensure that enough eggs survive to become chicks, and enough chicks survive to become adults. But simply counting loons won't achieve that goal. It's up to everyone who shares the lake environment to make sure that it's safe enough for all creatures.

Since a boaters' wake can destroy a loon's nest and drown baby chicks, Bohlin and Vestfals are posting a sign at the boat lunch – with the help of his daughter, Kathleen, an aspiring marine biologist – to remind people of their responsibility in protecting the lake's loon population.

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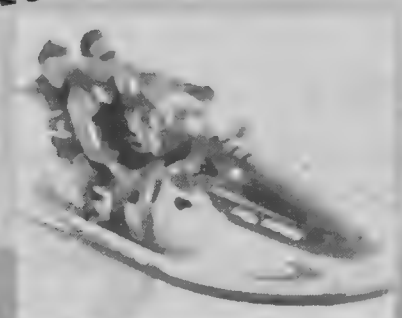

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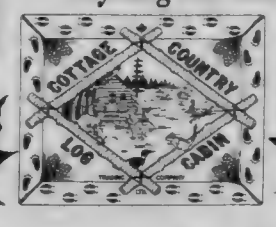


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# Storm delays fire crews

MARTHA PERKINS
*Editor*

It's never easy fighting a fire at a cottage that has water access only.

But when lightning is flashing across that water, the task becomes almost impossible.

Just before four in the morning last Tuesday, the Dysart fire department got a call that an unoccupied cottage on Spruce Lake, which is near Drag Lake, was on fire. It had probably been struck by lightning.

The men towed their boat to the nearest access point only to have to sit and wait out the storm in their trucks.

"Water is a good conductor of electricity," fire captain Cleve Shaw notes. As long as there was the risk of a lightning strike it was foolhardy to go out on the water.

Every time the firefighters thought the storm was abating another flash of lightning would persuade them to stay in the safety of their trucks.

It was already getting light when it was safe enough for them to cross to the island by boat. By the time they arrived the cabin was virtually gone. It had not been in use for a few years.

GREG HOEKSTRA/Echo

# OPP stresses safe boating practices

GREG HOEKSTRA
*Staff Reporter*

With only one month left in the busy cottage season, OPP marine units are frequently patrolling Haliburton's lakes and waterways to ensure that boating regulations are met and the 2006 season comes to a safe close.

While out on the water, Provincial Constable Mark McMaster says the main thing police will be looking for is properly functioning safety equipment, followed closely by the presence of life jackets.

"There's really no excuse for not having a life jacket," he says.

According to Transport Canada, about 90 per cent of people who drown in recreational boating accidents are not wearing a life jacket. By law, pleasure crafts must have enough Canadian-approved floatation devices of the appropriate size for everyone on board. If a jacket is not present, the boat's operator can receive a fine of up to $200, says McMaster.

Oddly enough, McMaster says the majority of people he charges for life jacket violations are in small, non-motorized vessels such as canoes or kayaks. He says this may be in part because smaller boats do not have the same storage capacity of larger boats, but also because people tend to feel the risk is lower.

"People in canoes seem to think they are all strong swimmers," he says, "I'll stop them and the only thing they'll have with them is a paddle."

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# Under new law impaired boaters can lose driver's licence

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Next to lifejackets, McMaster says that alcohol is another big concern for any officer patrolling the waterways. Under current regulations, no alcohol at all is allowed on a boat unless the vessel has both permanent cooking facilities and a washroom.

"You could ask the question, 'Can I be on my pontoon boat with a Hibachi and a port-a-pottie?' The answer is, no," he laughs.

All joking aside, McMaster notes that having alcohol on a boat is considered a serious offence, and he wants people to know that no breaks will be given, whether an officer finds one beer or one dozen.

What's more, as of June 22, the Ontario government amended the law to extend the penalties for the impaired boating. Under the new law, a conviction for impaired operation of a motorboat will result in a one-year suspension of your Ontario driver's licence, not just your pleasure craft operator card.

"If driving is your livelihood, now you have a problem," says McMaster, adding, "plus that could drastically affect the use of your cottage."

Boaters are permitted to transport alcohol on their boats, from cottage to cottage, for example, so long as the booze is secured in a locked container. And if the operator of a boat is not impaired, but open liquor is present on the boat, the officer can distribute fines for open liquor on a vessel, says McMaster.

McMaster says that although boating safety is a top concern for police on the water, he also has faith that the majority of people are operating their vessels responsibly.

"I don't think boating is any different than ATVing or snowmobiling really. The vast majority are responsible users, and a small minority just lacks common sense," he says.

"A lot of it is just education, but now that the boat operator card has been around for a while, people should be getting used to what's expected of them."

GREG HOEKSTRA/Echo

OPP Constable Mark McMaster (right) and summer marine student Ian Sachs (left) patrol the waters of Lake Kashagawigamog over the weekend. The pair have spent the summer months inspecting boats for alcohol, safety violations, and ensuring that all vessels have the proper number of life jackets on board. Under the new laws, impaired boaters can lose their driver's licence.

**Fines for common boating offences:**

Operating a vessel in a careless manner - **$250**
Speeding - **$100**
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# Senior stays healthy one stroke at a time

## *June Stewart swims to combat diabetes*

It took a health care to make June Stewart recognize the benefits of active living.

Five years ago, the 80-year-old Haliburton Resident was diagnosed with type II diatebetes and osteoporosis. Each day, she was required to take a number of pills and check her blood sugar level several times. Determined to improve her health and continue living an independent life, June began to follow a thorough physical activity routine.

Every morning Stewart swims in the pool at the Delta Pinestone Resort or swims in the lake behind her house. Three times she goes to the gym, and walks on the treadmill and lifts weights. This routine has not only kept June healthy, but has also helped protect her from some of the risks associated with aging – namely, falls.

"While most people know being physically active can improve their health, few realize it can also prevent them from dangerous falls," says Angela Andrews a Health Promoter with the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit.

"Being physically active can help people strengthen their bodies and improve their balance and flexibility," says Andrews. "Being active can improve quality of life, help to maintain one's independence and is one of the best defenses against falling."

In addition to preventing falls, physical activity is a great way to meet new people, feel more relaxed, sleep better, and have more fun says Andrews. Despite these benefits, nearly sixty percent of older adults remain inactive (Active Living Coalition for Older Adults).

Inactivity is a serious health risk because it can lead to a decline in bone strength, muscle strength, flexibility, and heart and lung fitness.

"Inactivity is as harmful to your health as smoking," says Andrews.

June Stewart now understands to the benefits of being active.

While June has always enjoyed sports, such as swimming, skiing and skating, she admits that she once led an inactive lifestyle and was overweight. Like many people, she worked in an office and devoted very little of her day to physical activity.

Now, after maintaining her routine for the past fire years, Stewart has noticed considerable improvements in her health. In addition to having stabilized her blood sugar level and reducing the number of pills she is required to take each day, Stewart reports that she feels better than ever.

"I have more energy than I had 20 years ago," she says with a smile. "If I don't swim in the morning then I feel tired."

For Stewart, exercise must be social. "The key is to find either a person or a group that you can exercise with," she says. "It's too easy to give up, especially if it's boring."

Canada's Physical Activity Guide for Older Adults recommends 30 to 60 minutes of moderate activity most days a week. This can include activities such as walking, Tai Chi, line dancing or gardening. Also, minutes counts – people can start by adding up their daily activity in segments and gradually increase to the recommended level of 30 to 60 minutes of continuous activity.

"The most important thing is to start slowly and listen to your body," says Andrews.

Andrews suggests getting started by talking to your local recreation department to see what programs or activities they offer for older adults.

If you're up early and at the pool or by the lake, then be sure to say hello to June. But you had better be fit and ready to keep up. At age 80, she's not slowing down for anyone or anything.

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After being diagnosed with diabetes, June Stewart swam her way to better health. When she can't swim in Kashagawigamog she swims at Delta Pinestone.

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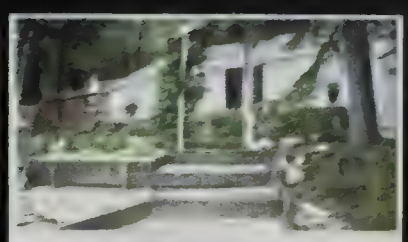

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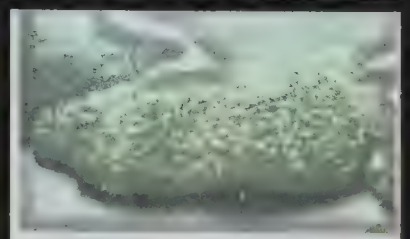

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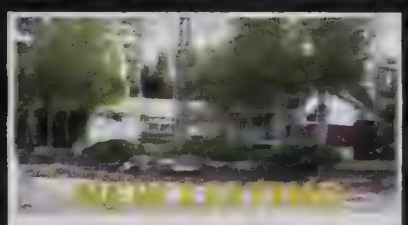

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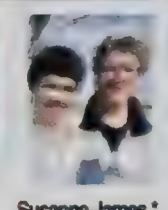

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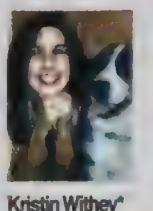

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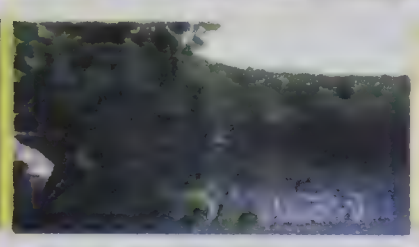
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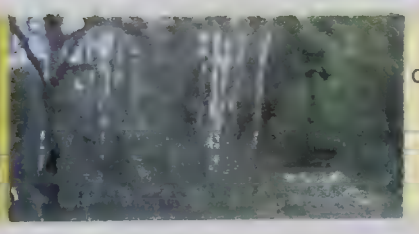
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# Clean septic means clean lake

**MARTHA PERKINS**
*Editor*

A lot of the products that we use to keep ourselves and our houses clean are hurting the very bacteria that we need to clean up our environment.

Lurking in the murky depths of our septic systems are billions of bacteria who like nothing more than to feed off everything we flush down the toilet and drain down the sink. (Let's not get into details about their diets.)

But what about the chlorine that's in most commercial brands of dishwasher detergent? Or the ingredients in our anti-bacterial hand and dish soap? Or the bleach that we use to clean our kitchens and bathrooms?

These products may kill germs and get tough on dirt, but they're also killing the bacteria that are neutralizing everything that flows into our septic systems. And without these bacteria cleaning up after us, harmful elements are leaching into our environment.

"Keep bacteria happy – do not use these products under any circumstances," Rob Davis told the crowd at Lake Kashagawigamog Organization's annual general meeting at the Northern Lights Pavilion recently.

Davis is a Kashagawigamog cottager who also owns a company called Eco-Ethic. His job is to give people suggestions and products that will turn them into good stewards of our land and lakes.

He began by showing his dirty pictures: hand drawings of how our septic systems work.

The technology is quite simple and relies on gravity to separate the solids from the fluids, bacteria to absorb the icky parts, and pipes to drain what's left through the rocks underneath the septic tank. By killing the bacteria that absorb contaminants such as nitrates and phosphorus, these elements get into our soil and, sooner or later, into our lakes.

Davis says that most of us think that when we flush the toilet, do a load of laundry or empty the dishwasher, all of our waste goes to our favourite place – away.

But in the Highlands, where the vast majority of property owners are not on sewer systems, away is only as far as our septic system. (Even though Haliburton village is on sewers, Lake Kashagawigamog still qualifies as away: the sewage treatment plant is on the adjoining Grass Lake where the processed leftovers are dumped.)

A septic system is not designed to take out chemicals, Davis said, "so it's very important to keep it from having indigestion because then we have a catastrophe."

Cottagers need to be aware of how they're bringing their city habits to the country, and the harm that can be caused. Common culprits are dishwasher detergents, laundry detergents and anti-bacterial soaps. They are good at removing dirt but also kill the bacteria we need to keep our septic systems humming along.

These household products "have a huge negative impact on the quality of the sewage coming out; it's not as clean."

As consumers and protectors of our lake environment, we should buy only those products that have an eco-logo: three doves intertwined to make a maple leaf.

"This is an easy change we can all make," he said.

To avoid pouring bleach down the sink, Davis suggested leaving the bleach water outside for five days. The chlorine will dissipate into the air.

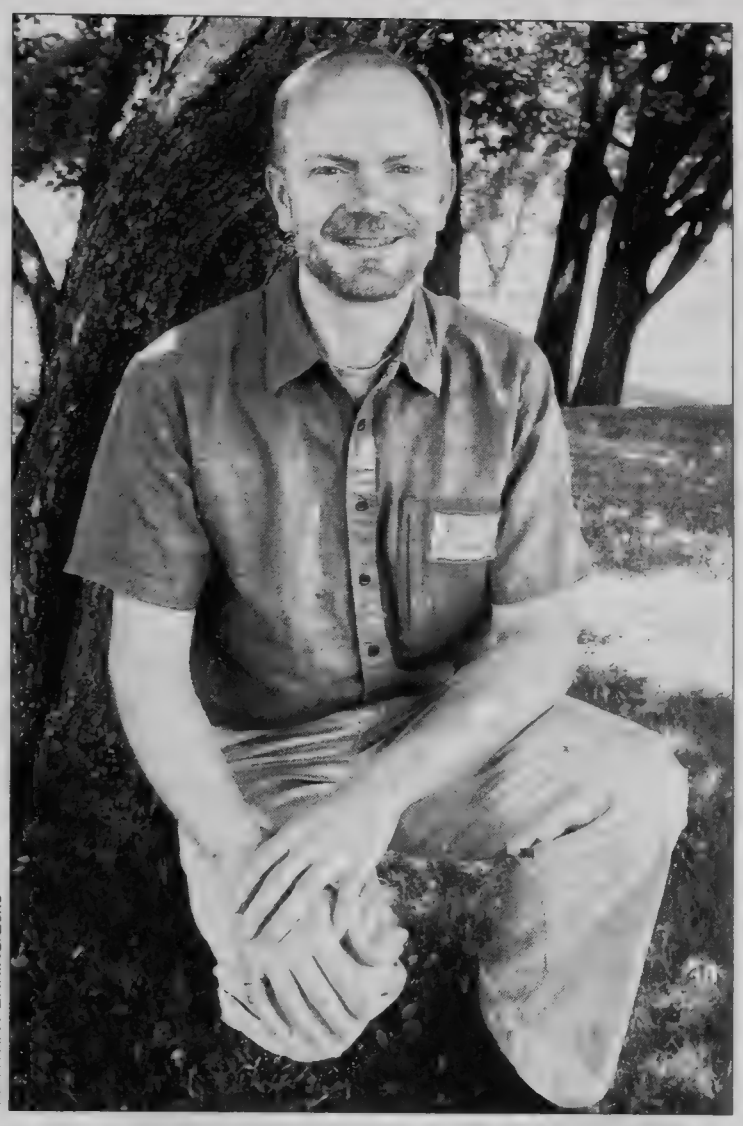
Davis also exposed three common myths about septic systems.

1.You never have to pump your septic system out. Wrong. It should be done every three to five years. Make sure both sides are pumped out.

2. Add yeast to your septic system. Uh-uh. "You put yeast in here you stir things up like a Kawartha Dairy milkshake. It re-suspends the solids."

3. Put road kill in your system once a year. Yuck. Decomposing road kill certainly adds bacteria to your system but it's the wrong kind of bacteria. "The bacteria that eats road kill are not the type to clean your sewage."

More information on how to be a wise lake steward can be found on Davis's website, www.ecoethic.ca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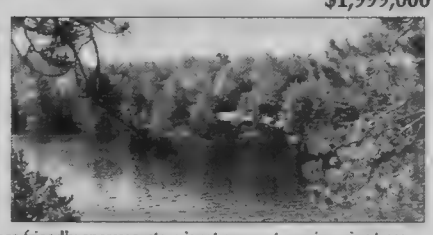
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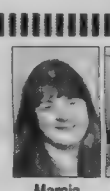
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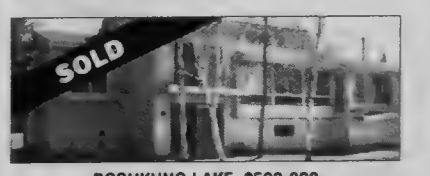

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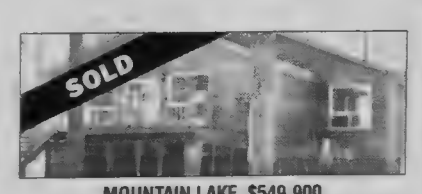

MOUNTAIN LAKE $549,900
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*Steve and Cathie Proulx.*

# Horseshoe Days offers long weekend action

This year's line-up of events and activities at Gooderham Horseshoe Days is sure to draw at least as many as the expected 3,000 people to the little village for the annual long-weekend bash.

Three new additions are already drawn extra attention – a rock climbing wall, wrestling matches, and musical tribute to Tim McGraw and Faith Hill.

It all kicks off on Friday, August 4 with a midway, but the real action starts at 9 o'clock that night when the dance swings into gear and the lights don't go out til 1 a.m. Popular country and rock band, the Cross Cuts deliver the tunes. Bring your I.D. for the S.O.P bar and $10 for admission.

Saturday starts off with all kids of sweet deals for the bargain hunters and those looking for baked goodies. Both the Flea Market and the Craft and Bake Sale run nearly all day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the community centre.

For the real penny pinchers, the Penny Sale starts at 10 a.m. and also runs until 4 p.m. But for those who can't even part with a penny, there's all kinds of unique gifts to win without spending a cent.

Also at 10 a.m., look out for flying horseshoes as the Horseshoe Tournament for doubles gets under way at the Community Centre Park. The competition is sure to be fierce. Registration is $5.

The Kids Parade will begin wheeling down the street with a colourful line-up of bikes, wagon and electric vehicles that have been decorated by some tiny fingers and hands. Earl Cooper will start the parade off with some good old Scottish bag pipe tunes. There are also prizes to be won at the parade.

At noon on Saturday, the S.O.P. bar opens in the community centre where you can cool down with a refreshing beverage and relax under the pavilion.

Test your agility on the 25-foot rock climbing wall and the rope ladder, while your kids climb about in the bouncing castle. It's all open from noon to 6 p.m. with a cost of $2. Professionally trained climbs will be on hand to help you scale the wall and the ladder.

Bring your cheering voice for the wrestling match from 12:30 to 3p.m. – and stick around for the surprise match afterward that you won't want to miss.

Then, Cross Cuts returns from 3 to 6 p.m. for another jam session, but this time you get to help out. Sign up for the Talent Contest and bring your singing, dancing and instrumental skills.

And if you're really hoping to see whether you still have the magic touch, the karaoke machine gets fired up too that afternoon.

All that action is sure to work up an appetite and the smell of a beef BBQ dinner will be wafting through the air from 4 to 6 that evening with plenty of food to go around. It's $10 for adults, $4 for ages six to 12 and free for ages five and under.

Gooderham's two kids baseball teams, the Pine Lake Pirates and the Gooderham Eagles, will play off against each other at 6:30 that night.

After the game, a tribute to country singers Tim McGraw and Faith Hill finishes off the night from 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Tickets are $10.

Bring your appetite Sunday morning for that extra helping of bacon, sausage and other hearty breakfast grub at the Farmer's Breakfast from 8 to 11 a.m. It's sure to give you plenty of energy for the Horseshoe Tournament for singles at 10 that morning at the Community Centre Park.

The Demolition Derby wraps up the weekend event at 1 p.m. Sunday afternoon, when you get to watch drivers crush each other's cars to smithereens. Tickets are $5 and kids five and under are free. The kids also get free pop and chips. Between the derby heats, a Tug of War keeps the action going.

The Gooderham Horseshoe Days has been drawing crowds from all over for nearly 30 years. For more information and for tickets, call or visit the Gooderham Post Office at 705-447-2410.

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# Fair organizers getting into high gear

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Wilberforce Agricultural Fair organizers are getting into high gear as Friday, August 11 and Saturday, August 12 draw near. People are making decisions about what to enter this year. Are the carrots, beans and beets going to reach perfection? Will the same muffin or cake recipe be a winning one? Which flowers are likely to be at best bloom? Will the quilt just finished catch the judge's eye? In any case there always are some fine entries.

There is lots planned for folks to enjoy at this pleasant country fair. With the pony pull on Friday evening with the food booth and ice cream stand open, things get rolling. Then on Saturday from 9 a.m. until supper time there are so many things to enjoy. The children can pet a pony or hold a soft little animal at the petting zoo.

There's the annual teddy bear parade, face painting, a craft corner, colouring contest and Patches the Clown. Adults will have a good time checking out the antique farm machinery, the rope making, name the tool contest, and of course everyone loves the dog show and the goats. The Horse Draw is the major attraction.

So do plan to take part. Enter some treasures in the Domestic Science section or admire the work of others. At least take a ride with or watch the yoke of oxen. And of course finish the day with a good country farm type roast beef dinner at the Lloyd Watson Centre.

The 4th Annual Highlands East Arts and crafts Tour kicks off on Saturday, August 12 and continues on Sunday, August 13. Meet the artists and artisans of Gooderham, Tory Hill, Essonville, Harcourt, Wilberforce, Highland Grove and Cardiff. Enjoy demonstrations at most locations. This tour is flourishing with artists who create blown glass, metal works, sculptures, functional pottery, original oil and watercolour paintings, creative and nature photography, beautiful porcelain and textured ceramics, the needle arts of knitting and crochet and fabric arts which include unique apparel, quilts, wall hangings and hooked rugs.

Enjoy the great scenery of lakes, hills and trees as you visit these creative people and their studios. Visit their excellent website for great information: www.highlandseastartour.com

All this and the Esson Lake Jazz Festival, too!

There's an afternoon tea at the Outpost Museum on Saturday, August 5, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Most of the tickets on the quilt and cushions raffle are sold. You may find one left at Agnew's. Draw will take place at the Tea. Thanks to all who helped with the Quilt and Cushions and selling and buying tickets.

What a shock to hear a loud crash in the middle of the night. Then the greater shock and upset to find that thuggish thieves have thrown a cement block through a large front window of the family store just down the street. That is what happened to Agnew's on a recent weekend night. Thieves entered the store, stealing merchandise, including cigarettes.

Work very hard day in and day out. Operate a business that has been and is the heart of the village. Have an attractive presence on the main street. Contribute greatly in the community. Then have good-for-nothing trash invade your property, take what they want and wreck your building. Talk about nerve! And right on a main street under good lights, not a back alley. Talk about terrorists! And this is just one of several places that have been invaded by thieves/thugs in the area.

And the big event of the summer for the Wilberforce Heritage Guild, all history buffs and nurses. The arrival of the plaque that lets everyone know that our Red Cross Outpost Historic House is a national Historic Site of Canada: The plaque will be unveiled on Tuesday, August 15.

The formal ceremony begins at 2 p.m. Pre-ceremony entertainment includes bagpipe music by the lake, which will begin about 1:15. At about 1:45 the St. Margaret's Quartet will entertain. They will also lead Oh Canada at the beginning of the ceremony. Do come early to get a seat on the lawn by Dark Lake. A National Historic Site in Wilberforce. Wow!

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**Friday, Aug. 11th Gates open 6pm**
- Pony Pull
- Domestic Science Exhibit
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- Name that Tool Contest
- Food Booth
- Ice Cream Stand

**Saturday, Aug. 12th Gates open 9am**
- Petting Zoo
- Domestic Science Exhibit
- Teddy Bear Parade
- Baby Show
- Patches the Clown
- Face Painting
- Goat Show
- Colouring Contest
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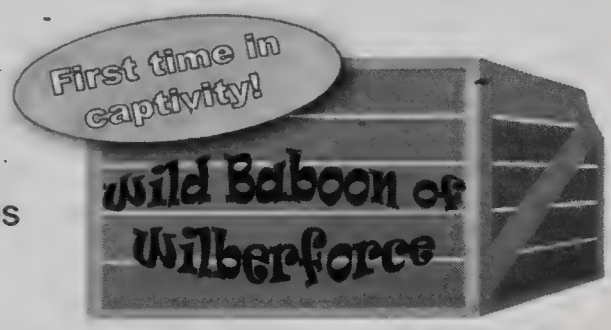


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# Digging for clams in West Guilford

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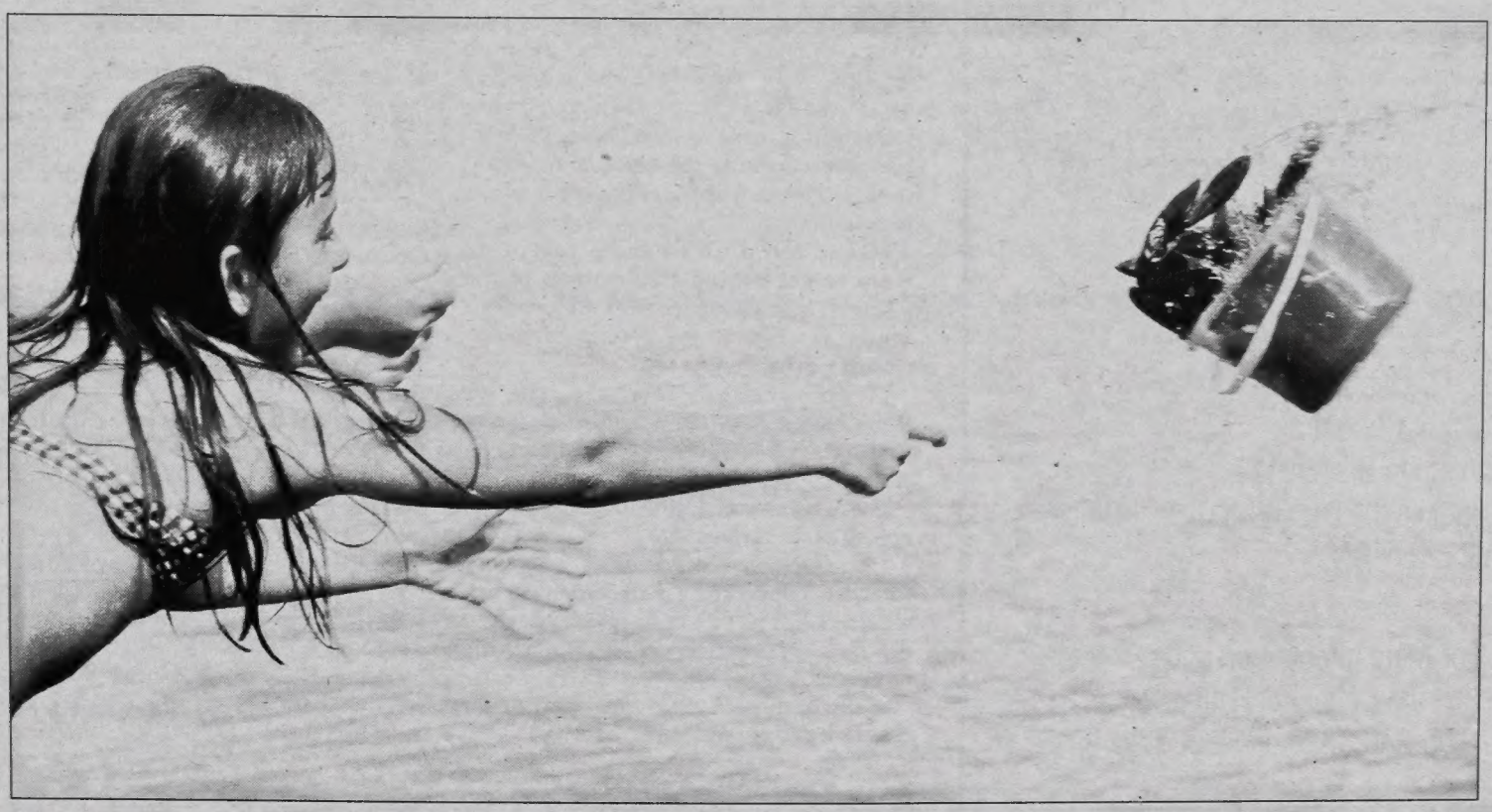

A fun way to spend a day is hunting for clams at the beach on Pine Lake at West Guilford, where the mollusks can easily be found in shallow water.

Katie Leach, 10, of Haliburton checks the results of her foot excavation of the lake-bed. Brody Morrison, 5, of West Guilford and his sister Taylor, 8, are curious to see if her hunt has been successful.

Katie spreads the clams the three have found on the dock, counting almost 40 in a haul.

Brody threatens to get his uncle Stuart Vanderburg wet and clammy.

The water level's lower now in the bucket, and Brody is proud of his efforts.

The kids prefer the catch and release philosophy of clam-digging. Then it's back in the water to start all over again.

The CF100 was "the best aircraft I ever flew," says Bob McFadden, who took this exact plane 40,000 feet above the British Columbia coastline on July 30, 1959.

**Where Will Your Garbage and Recycling Go?**

The County of Haliburton is hosting a Public Open House Event to provide preliminary information on the Landfill and Recycling Site Location Study.

**Who Should Attend?**

Residents and business owners interested in developing a cost effective waste diversion and disposal system within Haliburton County.

**Time and Location**

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10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
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# When the CF100 flew the skies of Canada

**MARTHA PERKINS**
*Editor*

Forty-seven years ago, Bob McFadden was looking out over the nose of a CF100, number 683.

But the plane wasn't pretending to be soaring over Head Lake in Haliburton. It was flying 40,000 feet above the Pacific Ocean during a training exercise in the height of the Cold War.

On July 30, 1959, McFadden took off from the Canadian Air Force base Comox on Vancouver Island in the same plane that is now a tourist attraction in Haliburton. His 409 Squadron was part of Air Defence Command and their job was to make sure that the Russians didn't send any planes across the Bering Strait and down the west coast. To practise interceptions the squadron would send a plane up and get the other pilots to find it.

McFadden didn't need a reason to want to get behind the controls of the CF100. After flying Halifax planes during World War II, the Canadian jet was a pilot's dream come true.

"Wonderful – best aircraft I ever flew," he says when asked to describe flying the plane. "When I first flew a jet it was like being born again."

The CF100 was to the Halifax what a sports car was to a truck.

"For the experienced pilot it was easy to fly. By that time I'd had many thousands of hours. It's not a plane, however, that you'd take a young pilot off the street."

Many of those flying hours were spent over Europe in the early 1940s.

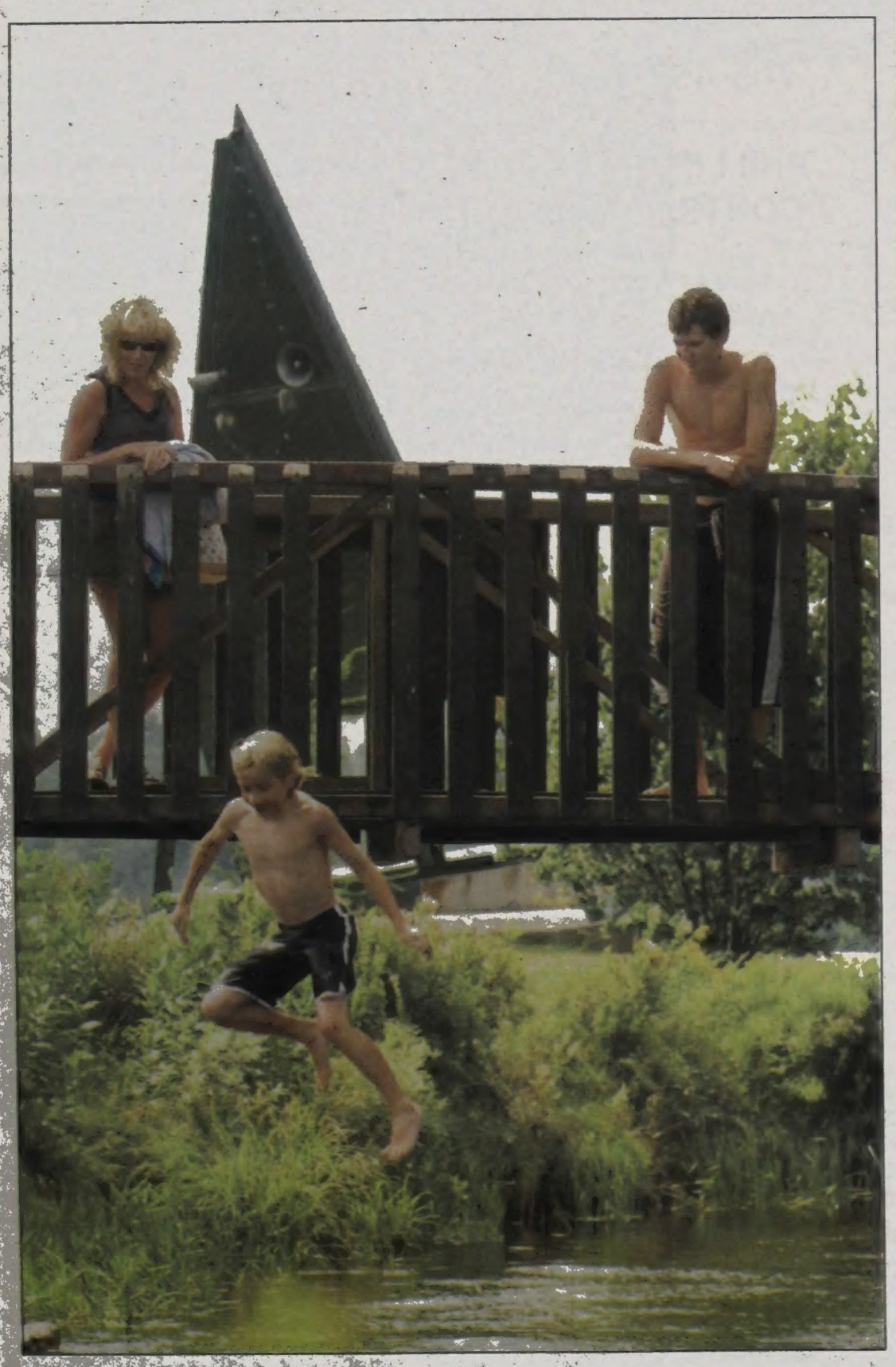
McFadden was stationed at the air force base Comox on Vancouver Island. In this photo from the late 1950s he poses with his crew in front of his favourite plane. From left: Navigator Brit Johnson, squadron pilot Bob McFadden, and flight lieutenants Jack Coates and Keith Hester.

McFadden was based in England and flew dozens of missions before being shot down over northern Germany in February, 1945.

"I ran around for a week and then they finally caught me." Luckily he had to spend only a few months in a POW camp.

McFadden, who's now 85, retired from the air force in 1975 and he and his wife Mary often visit their daughter and son-in-law's cottage on Maple Lake. Every once in a while he gets out his log books and lets his memories take flight, reliving both his and the CF100's glory days in the air.

# Cool off at Head Lake Park



Top left: TJ Spencer took the high road, going to the top of the tree that holds a swing rope over the river. "It's high," he said. "It's exciting."
Above : Mirco Hemmi of Guelph preferred to stay closer to the water, swinging from the bridge. He says "I wish we had a place like this near our house."
Left: For the first time ever, Mitchell Looije of Newmarket takes the plunge from the bridge.
Bottom: Tamina Hemmi and her family spent the week at a cottage near Carnarvon. "We were looking around to explore things a bit," said mom Susan Hemmi, "and we saw this park, which is really nice."

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